Hawthorne Hawk News

HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2024

From the Principal

Hello Hawthorne Families!

January is a busy time for students and staff as we wrap up the first half of the school year. Students will be taking their mid-year reading and mathematic diagnostic assessments through I-Ready. This information helps staff monitor student progress and identify students for additional support. Its important that students do their absolute best on these assessments, so please encourage your student to focus, move slowly through the questions, and double check their work.

In the month of January, we have many exciting events to share. Our Math Night on January 18th from 5:00-6:00pm will focus on the joy of math and bring math games into the home. During the month of January, we will also be scheduling meetings with families of students with at-risk or chronic absenteeism. Research shows that students miss more than 2-days a month regardless of the reason, are more likely to fall behind academically and less likely to graduate high school. Please make sure your student attends every day possible. If your student does not have a temperature, vomiting or excessive coughing, they should be attending school. When your child does need to miss due to illness, please call our main office at (425) 385-4600 to notify them of the absence. The front office team can help facilitate getting make up work for your student.

At the end of January, teachers will begin writing student report cards. These reports will provide families with important information on their students' academic development. These reports are different than the traditional A-F scale by subject. Each grade level standard will be scored with a 1-4 with 4 exceeding grade level expectations. If you need help deciphering your child's report card, please reach out to their teacher or a school counselor. We want to make sure parents understand their child's progress, so we can partner together in their educational journey.

Happy New Year! I look forward to reconnecting with students and families after a long winter break. The staff at Hawthorne are here to support you, so please reach out and let us know how we can help your student be successful.

Thank you, Jacob Ellsworth Principal

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Jan. 9

Dental Cleang Preview
Classroom Presentations

Jan. 11

HAWK Assembly 3-5 @ 8:50am/K-2 @ 9:20am

Jan. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School

Jan. 18

Math Night 5:00-6:00pm

Jan. 22

PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00pm

Jan. 26

Spirit Day: Opposite Day All Day

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Math Night! Jan. 18 @ 5:00pm

Mrs. Becky Hassler our math interventionist and coach will be hosting a family Math Night! There will be games and activities to share with students and their families. There will be opportunities to walk away with snacks, crafts, and activities to do at home. Come join us for another great night of learning!

HAWKS Assembly! Jan. 11 @ 8:50am/9:20am

At our monthly HAWKS award assembly, we will be recognizing students who demonstrated RESPECT for their behavior and learning in the month of December. Parents of students being recognized will receive communication, and we encourage parents to attend.

Spirit Day- Opposite Day! Jan. 26

Teachers will be dressing like students, and students should dress like their favorite teacher. This is opposite day in terms of clothing, and students will continue to be students in their learning while teachers teach. Your child could also dress like Mrs. Reyes or Mr. Ellsworth!

January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about <u>board members online</u>. You can also <u>watch past school board meetings</u> on the district's YouTube channel. Find out more about the district's two new board members on the <u>school board</u> webpage.

The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the eighth time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and they are an excellent of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district <u>website</u>.



I've "bean" thinking about you.

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Delayed start or closed schools

If we must <u>cancel school or delay the start of school</u>, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social media and post the message on our website.

If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at <u>www.everettsd.org</u>
- watch district Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts

Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district <u>transportation department's webpage</u> under the "Snow Routes" icon in the center of the page.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law



enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends February 1. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 16.

Good Citizenship Day

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Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be

eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the <u>Snohomish County webpage</u> for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:





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