Hawthorne Hawk News

HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

December has arrived and so have the holidays. This time of year is our time to be thankful for all the wonderful things in our lives and help those who need support. Thank you for sending your amazing children everyday to Hawthorne. It is such a pleasure to work with the Hawthorne community.

Hawthorne's International Holiday concert will be Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm at the Everett Civic Auditorium. The students have been practicing their songs and working with Ms. Demetre and their teachers to prepare for this wonderful musical event. This year, Hawthorne has a student leadership team comprised of 4th and 5th grade students. Some of these students will be speaking at our concert. They are working on their communication and presentation skills. I look forward to seeing all of you on December 7. If you need transportation to and from the concert, please complete the pink form that went home in your childs' Wednesday folder. Students and their families can ride the shuttle bus to the concert from Hawthorne at 6:00pm and back to Hawthorne after the concert at 8:00pm. Parents must ride the bus with their child (ren).

Last year, we received a beautiful new playground. Over the summer, the entire school received new flooring and paint and recently, we had a front door safe access system installed. When visitors come to the front door, they will push a button, which alerts the office staff via video. The office staff can see who is at the front door and can speak to the visitors using the video/telephone equipment. They will communicate to the visitors that they can enter the building. The office staff uses a code on their screen to unlock the front door. This is a great new addition to our school and continues to provide us with a safe school for our students, staff and families.

From Corinna Donnerberg

Hawthorne Food Bank and Holiday/Winter Resources

The Hawthorne food bank will be open Friday, December 1 and Monday-Friday, December 4-8 from 8:15 am-2:15 pm (closing at 1:45 pm on Fridays). If you would like to come and choose some food for your family, please check in at the office first.

Celia O'Connor-Weaver Principal

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Dec. 1

Learning Improvement Friday 1:35 Dismissal

Dec. 8

Learning Improvement Friday 1:35 Dismissal

HAWKS Pride Assembly KK - 2nd Grade 9:15-9:45 3rd - 5th Grade 10:00-10:30

Dec. 15 Learning Improvement Friday 1:35 Dismissal

Dec. 18-Jan. 1 Winter Break – School closed



If your family is interested in support for the holidays, please contact Corinna Donnerberg at 425-385-4610 or <u>CDonnerberg@everettsd.org</u>. Christmas House and Toys for Tots are two local resources that provide help with gifts/toys, and there may be holiday food baskets available.

If your child needs a winter coat or a hat and gloves, please contact Corinna Donnerberg at 425-385-6410 or <u>CDonnerberg@everettsd.org</u>. We recently received a donation of brand new coats for students. 5th grade students will receive brandnew coats on Friday, December 1 thanks to the Everett Firefighters Union.

Parent Survey-English Classes

Are you interested in free English classes, or other adult education classes like a GED prep course or a computer class? If so, please fill ou the survey on the yellow half sheet that was send home in Wednesday folders on November 29. The YMCA is trying to decide if there would be enough people interested to hold English classes at Hawthorne Elementary in the evenings on a weekday.

Hawthorne School-wide Reading Challenge

Each grade level will uncover the letters in a text message based on the number of AR points earned. In December, students need to successfully pass 3 A.R. tests.

Attendance News

At Hawthorne Elementary, we begin serving breakfast at 8:05 and all children are welcome to have breakfast with us. If your child comes to school late, we will still give them a breakfast, as we know this is an important way for them to start their day.

The first bell will ring at 8:30 am and this tells us all that we need to hurry to class. The second bell, a tardy bell, will ring at 8:35 am. If your child comes in the building after this 2nd bell, they will have to stop by the office and get a tardy slip.

Attending school every day and being here on time are important parts of growing up. If a student misses even 2 days a month, research has shown that they may have problems in their academics. Please do your best to encourage them as they walk to school to arrive on time and if someone brings them, pleae make sure they are here and on time every day!

Their future depends on their education and they have to be here to learn!

From Hawthorne PTA

Hello Hawthorne Community!

It is the most wonderful time of the year - and we are most excited to share it with you! During the last week of school (Dec. 11-15), we will be having the Holiday shop for students to purchase small gifts for family members. More information will be send home in student folders regarding volunteer opportunities and further information about what is available. Please make sure to be on the lookout for this information coming through your students Wednesday Communication Folder.

Have a safe holiday season. For inquiries or other information, please contact us at HawthornePTAEverett@gmail.com



Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Your PTA Board

Prepare for bad weather

How to find emergency school schedule information (usually by 5:45 a.m.)

See <u>Safety and Emergencies</u> page under Parents tab on district website for full details and other resources.

- <u>FlashAlert.net</u>: You can subscribe to receive notices at the same time those notices are sent to media outlets, or you can bookmark this site to check for a listing of regional school emergency schedule information.
- Media news reports (Media gets information from FlashAlert)
- District website: www.everettsd.org
- District information line at 425-385-4636
- Blackboard Connect* calls, emails and text messages made to families usually by 5:45 a.m. *Please be sure your contact information is current at your school.
- Program <u>impact chart</u> outlines how various school programs and activities are impacted when school is cancelled or starts late.

No announcement means schools are on a regular schedule.

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 <u>snow route information</u> on the district transportation department's webpage.

Volunteer application online

Want to attend a field trip this spring? Time to renew an expired volunteer application? <u>Apply or renew quickly and easily online</u>. Applying online saves postage time and your application gets processed even faster.

Free research-based tools to help stop bullying

<u>Stopbullying.gov</u> has bullying prevention information and strategies. There are training modules, PowerPoints, toolkits, videos, resources, state-by-state laws and policies, suggestions about how to talk about bullying with your kids and much more.

Capital Bond and Replacement Levy elections is set for February 13, 2018

