# **Hawthorne Hawk News**

HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### May 2018

# **From the Principal**

It is so nice to see the sunshine again. When the weather begins to warm up, students often wear summer clothing that is not allowed at school. Please remember that students cannot wear flip-flops or open-toed shoes for safety reasons. Shorts, skirts and dresses need to be fingertip length and no spaghetti straps without a sweater.

You should have received an enrollment verification form on April 11. This form indicates wheather your child(ren) will be returning to Hawthorne for the 2018-2019 school year. Please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher right away. Thank you.

We begin our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) this month in grades 3 through 5. This assessment has two parts- English Language Arts and Math for grades 3, 4 and 5, as well as a Science test for grade 5. Please be sure that your child eats a healthy, protein-rich breakfast and gets plenty of sleep to support their success on the assessment. We will have breakfast for them at school as well.

# **From Corinna Donnerberg**

#### Summer Reading Kickoff, Thursday May 24, 5:00-6:45 pm

All Hawthorne students and families are invited to the Summer Reading Kickoff on May 24! Dinner will be provided, and **Daffy Dave the magician** will be performing! Come learn more about the summer reading challenge and visit different fun reading stations. The Everett Public Library and the Lions Club will also be there, and there will be a book giveaway and door prizes. Summer reading makes a HUGE difference for students, helping them to keep moving up in the summer instead of sliding backwards and helping them be ready for the next grade in the fall. Hope to see you there!

### Celia O'Connor-Weaver Principal

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May 1-23 Grades 3-5 SBA Testing

**May 4** Learning Improvement Friday 1:35 Dismissal

May 11 Learning Improvement Friday 1:35 Dismissal

May 18 Natural Leaders Meeting 8:30am Learning Improvement Friday 1:35 Dismissal

May 24 Summer Reading Kickoff 5-6:45 pm

May 25 HAWKS Pride Assembly Grade KK-2 9:15am Grade 03-5 10:15am Learning Improvement Friday 1:35 Dismissal

May 31 Hawthorne on Display 5-7:00pm

June 14 Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony 6-7:00pm

June 15 Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony 9:15am Field Day 12-1:15pm



#### Natural Leaders Training, Friday May 18, 8:30-10:30 am

If you are already a Natural Leader, new to the group, or just interested in learning more about what this parent group at Hawthorne does, join us for the Natural Leaders training on Friday, May 18 from 8:30-10:30 am in the cafeteria. Childcare and snacks will be provided, as well as Russian, Arabic, and Spanish interpreters. Questions? Call Corinna Donnerberg at 425-385-4610.

# From the PTA

#### Hello Hawthorne Families!

It's that time of the year where we are recruiting for next school year's PTA board members. At our next meeting on May 22 at 6:00 PM, we will be discussing nominations and electing the new PTA board members for the 2018-2019 school year. Please visit our Hawthorne Elementary PTA Facebook page for more information.

Please email <u>HawthornePTAEverett@gmail.com</u> or text Carmela Maxell-Harrison at 360-551-0595 if you are available to volunteer during Teacher Appreciation Week or Field Day.

Spring Box Top Contest will run April 9-May 10. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive extra PE time with Mr. Thornock in the gym.

### **Graduation dates**

Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Sequoia High School June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium

### New school accountability system

In the new accountability system launched this spring, schools are measured on assessment proficiency, student growth, graduation rates, English Learner progress, and school climate indicators, including attendance, dual credit opportunities, and 9th graders on track to graduation. Those guidelines are called the Washington School Improvement Framework and they are intended to help families understand a fuller picture of school success. The district's 2017-18 Washington School Improvement Framework results are available on the <u>OSPI Report Card</u>.

### Next year's calendar

The calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers' bargaining unit. Negotiations for that contract have begun. During negotiation years, it's not unusual for those talks to continue into late August. In the past, we have traditionally



started school the Wednesday after Labor Day, which would be Sept. 5 this year. The district will use the website, email, phone, text messaging and social media to announce the calendar when contract negotiations are complete.

## Summer school registration is open!

<u>Registration materials are now online</u>. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

## Before- and after-school care

Many parents rely on before- and after-school childcare to help juggle busy schedules. Currently, YMCA provides before- and after-school care at six elementary schools and the Boys & Girls Club provides care at one school.

The district is in the process of soliciting applications from vendors to provide before- and after-school care at more elementary schools to provide greater flexibility and more choice for parents, and to increase student enrichment opportunities.



For more information about the application process, please contact Cynthia Jones, Director of Categorical Programs, at <u>ciones@everettsd.org</u>, 425-385-4039.

## Let's talk about growth

Since the 2018 Capital Bond proposal did not meet the 60 percent supermajority needed to pass in February, the school board is reviewing results and determining next steps to manage high school growth until a new high can be built. Three community conversations are scheduled this May to share information on implications of high school overcrowding and to gather input on options to manage this growth in the near future.

### **Community conversation dates**

May 15 Cascade High School, 6-7:30 p.m.May 17 Everett High School, 6-7:30 p.m.May 29 Jackson High School, 6-7:30 p.m.



## **Elementary school boundaries**

Does your student attend one of these elementary schools?

- Cedar Wood Forest View Mill Creek Penny Creek
- Silver Firs Silver Lake Woodside

If so, the elementary school your child will attend may change beginning fall 2019 when the new Elementary School 18 opens at 4419 180th St. SE, Bothell.

A committee of parents and principals representing each of these

schools has been studying current boundaries and recently recommended modifications to the superintendent.

**Review the recommendation and share your thoughts through the website until May 25.** The superintendent will review input and make a recommendation to the school board on June 19. The board is expected to finalize boundaries in fall 2018 – a year prior to the new school's opening. Boundaries changes will go into effect September 2019. Find more <u>information about the boundary</u> <u>adjustment process</u> online, or by contacting Dr. Gerard Holzman at 425-385-4192.





