

# Hawthorne Hawk News

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## From the Principal

Happy February Hawthorne Families and Friends!

This is the month of love and friendship where people make a special effort to tell others how much they are loved and appreciated. At Hawthorne, it seems that every month is one of love and friendship as we are surrounded by children who are excited to come to school, who are quick to share a hug or a smile and who write or draw notes for the staff. Our families come to us for school things, but also for life resources and sometimes, just for emotional support. There is a special feeling here when you walk in the door and it is the “Month of Love and Friendship” feeling. At Hawthorne, that is just our everyday feeling and we love it!

We have lots of exciting things happening this month, so you might want to add them to your calendar right now!

- MathFest at the Angel of The Winds Arena is Feb 9 @1:00-3:30pm. The event is free for 3-11 year-old kids and their families.
- Lion King Musical presented by our 3, 4, 5 Graders at Everett Civic Auditorium on Feb 14 @7:00pm
  - This is the first time we have had a major production with costumes and actors in many years! The students have been practicing since Oct. and it will be a real experience! Don't miss out!
  - There is bus transportation to and from Hawthorne.
- Mid-Winter Break is Feb 16-19- No School
- Feb 22- Black History Month assembly

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This month our first and second grades will be administering the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), while our third through fifth grade teachers will administer the i-Ready diagnostic reading and math assessments. Both of these tools provide teachers with excellent information about your child's progress at this mid-year point. Remember that research has shown that literacy growth is largely dependent on the amount of reading a child does, so please continue to support your child by encouraging them to read every day at home. Your efforts will help to ensure that your child becomes a stronger reader and a strong learner.

**Celia O'Connor-Weaver**  
Principal

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**Feb. 1**

Learning Improvement Friday  
1:35 Dismissal

**Feb. 8**

Learning Improvement Friday  
1:35 Dismissal

**Feb. 12**

VOTE – Special Election

**Feb. 14**

The Lion King  
7:00pm - Everett Auditorium

**Feb. 15**

Learning Improvement Friday  
1:35 Dismissal

**Feb. 18 - 19**

No School – Mid Winter Break

**Feb. 22**

Black History Month assembly  
Learning Improvement Friday  
1:35 Dismissal



Please remember that Pokemon cards (and any other game type cards) are NOT allowed at school. They cause too much distraction in the classroom and we have had problems with them being stolen out of lockers and backpacks. If your child brings them to school, his/her teacher will take them and a parent or guardian will have to come to school to retrieve them. Please help us with this and speak with your student about appropriate places to play with cards.

### ***Tips for Families to Support School Attendance***

At Hawthorne Elementary, we continue to positively influence student attendance. To do so, this school year we are promoting school attendance during morning announcements, encouraging students to arrive on time with our “No Tardy Taters” challenge, building a positive school climate through (PBIS) Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports, using positive motivation charts for students who struggle to arrive on time, making home visits and supporting students and families to address barriers that influence attendance. We have included some tips for families to support school attendance in order to maximize students’ educational achievement.

- Help your child understand that school is your child’s job
  - Make school a priority and your expectation for your child
  - Talk to your child about the importance of daily attendance and how it helps his/her learning
- Help your child build good habits like:
  - Finishing homework and placing it in his/her backpack
  - Laying out clothes and their backpack in the evening before bed
  - Turning off electronic devices at least 1 hour before bedtime and then reading until lights off
  - Having a regular bedtime for a good night’s sleep
  - Leaving early enough in the morning to get to school on time
- When your child is sick
  - Only let your child stay home if he/she is truly sick. Sometimes complaints of a headache or stomachache might be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. Contact the teacher or school counselor for support if you think this might be happening
- Appointments and vacations
  - Make every effort to schedule doctor, dentist, and other appointments after school hours
  - If your child must be out of school for an appointment, get him/her back to school for at least part of the school day
  - Plan vacations when school is not in session

Thank you for your ongoing support at Hawthorne and enjoy the rest of our winter season!

-Celia O’Connor-Weaver, Principal

## **From the PTA**

Don’t forget to turn in those unexpired Boxtops! Contest ends February 8th - Winning class will receive a Root-beer Float party!

The PTA board has accepted the resignation of Cassie-Ann Lara who served as Secretary. We thank Cassie-Ann for all her efforts and service to the PTA. Miriam Gnagy will be serving as interim Secretary. Elections will be held at our February meeting and we encourage anyone interested in the Secretary position to attend. Nominations from the floor and self-nominations will be accepted.

The PTA needs you! We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Mid-Year Financial Review Committee, Nominating Committee, Field Day Committee and Teacher Appreciation Committee. If interested, please contact the PTA at [hawthorneptaeverett@gmail.com](mailto:hawthorneptaeverett@gmail.com) or by attending a PTA membership meeting.

Save the date! **PTA Membership Meeting- February 28th, 6pm**. Meeting will be held in a classroom.

Questions, ideas, requests...contact us at [hawthorneptaeverett@gmail.com](mailto:hawthorneptaeverett@gmail.com) and find us on Facebook.



## Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) On that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

## Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.



## Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).



## Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).



## Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 4, 2019, at all district elementary schools.

## High school growth forum

High School Growth Mitigation Committee hosts two additional community forums about student enrollment growth on Feb. 6 and 7. Details are on the district calendar.

In addition to these two community forums, the committee is providing an online community comment period through Feb. 26. Learn more about the High School Growth Mitigation Committee and your opportunity for ongoing online input on the [district home page](#).



## Superintendent search

Superintendent Gary Cohn will retire at the end of this school year. The school board has begun the search for the district's next superintendent. Watch for ways you can participate in that search in the next few months, such as helping the board define the most important characteristics in the next superintendent.



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**Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:**

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
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