Greetings Hawthorne families! This has been an exciting month, with cooling temperatures and a spectacular display of color outside. We have had some successful events to share about as well. On October 15th, we had our school picture day. It was great seeing students proud to dress up in their best picture day outfits. All our Hawthorne students looked remarkable. We also hosted Dental Day on October 24th, provided by the Kids Cavity Prevention Program, Inc. Many of our students were received dental services like screening, fluoride treatments, and toothbrush instruction.

In addition to these events, Hawthorne took part in two very important initiatives. First, our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) spearheaded a VERY successful fundraiser. The Believe Kids Fundraiser made over $5000 in online sales with an estimated profit of $2400. We are very excited to see our overall outcome. We expect about 30 students to earn the Arena Sports Field trip. Look for an announcement about the details of that field trip soon. Let us also thank our PTA for putting on a fun filled evening on the October 25th, our last family Movie Night with the Toy Story 4. If you have not joined the PTA, please join. Your input is valuable, and we still need more members!

As part of our Hawthorne Positive Behavior Intervention System of support (PBIS) initiative, students’ school wide had the goal of accumulating 5,000 Hawks Tickets by November. They have met that goal, at over 6,000 tickets and have earned a Sports Dress Day, when they can wear sports team spirit clothing of their choosing. They can also choose to just wear their normal uniform that day. The date is tentatively scheduled for November 27th.

October 17th was the Great American Shakeout, a nationwide earthquake drill where students get to practice their Drop, Cover, and Hold skills. Hawthorne participated as well, at 10:17am as one of our planned safety drills. Hawthorne has also had several unplanned fire evacuation and lockdown drills this month. These are important for the school staff and students to practice reacting to unplanned situations in a safe manner. We will continue to have planned and surprise drills at least once per month.

You may have noticed increased traffic on the streets surrounding Hawthorne. This is due to the increased number of classes in the school, which mean more students and staff, and more cars to accommodate. Please be patient as our flaggers direct traffic to help school and community buses navigate the line of waiting cars for parent
drop off and pick up. It would be helpful if you live nearby, to **park your vehicle** and walk in to pick up your child. While you are looking for parking, **please refrain from using the Handicap Parking** spaces unless you have a Handicap Parking placard – we do have families that need these spaces. We will have police officers monitoring the situation.

We have had to make a change in our **exit and entrance policy** due to safety concerns. Originally, we felt the back door was the best way out for families at breakfast because we did not yet have a clear understanding of the traffic flow of the school. District officials visited to access the foot traffic due to the new security doors. They have advised that the back door is a dangerous place for families to exit because of the delivery trucks and traffic there. Therefore, after breakfast, please exit through the double doors that goes through the front entrance foyer. We will be putting signs up on the doors for clear directions. Thank you for your patience with the change of plans by the district to keep our school safe and secure.

Hawthorne families, we are excited for our upcoming Parent Teacher conferences during the week of November 4th-7th. Please schedule your meeting with your teacher if you haven’t already! Then, stay and choose some items at the Scholastic Book Fair, during the same week from 1:00-3:30pm.

**Upcoming events and important dates:**

**October 31**: Halloween – Please wear only your uniforms to school. No costumes.

November 1st - November 8th: Early release at 12:20pm (Conference week)

November 4-7: Book Fair – 1:00-3:30pm

November 11: Veteran’s Day – No School

November 18th: The Real Food Show assembly @ 1:30-2:00

November 19th: Delta Neighborhood Association (DNA) meeting, 7:00pm @ the Baker Heights Community Center (1401 Poplar). Make your voice heard! Learn how ideas become laws and easy ways to affect issues YOU care about!

November 25th: PUD Renewables Assembly

November 27th: (Early release) Spirit Day for Hawks Ticket goal– Sports Team Day (or wear your uniform)

November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3rd : Arena Sports Day field trip from 9:30-11:00

**Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 18**

Find forms, information and evening events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place on February 1, 2020.

**Remember to vote Nov. 5**

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 5 – postage is not required for ballots.
Everett Public Schools is hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a strong need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions. Join us! [http://www.everettsd.org/jobs](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs)

Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls. If you want to change your contact information, please let the school office know.

School performance report

Our school’s performance report is available online on each school’s website. More information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website. Click on “State Report Card” and select Everett from the list of districts.

Test scores show … our students rock!

Did you know that our student assessment scores last year outperformed the state’s average assessment scores in every subject! Students are working hard in their learning, and staff are providing students with the targeted, coordinated supports they need to excel. We have more work to do and are going to accomplish it by focusing on reading at early levels and strong monitoring and collaboration.

FAFSA season has begun!

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Family health safety tip

Vaping has been in the news a lot this summer and fall due to many youth and young adults across the nation being hospitalized for respiratory issues, including respiratory failure. A few cases have been reported in our state. Teens may believe vaping is less harmful than smoking. Vaping devices are increasingly popular among middle and high school students and a new generation is getting addicted to nicotine. According to the Snohomish Health District’s Washington Healthy Youth Survey:

*11% of 8th graders, 23% of 10th graders and 31% of 12th graders currently use vapes.*
Learn about the dangers of vaping as well as resources for teens to quit by visiting Snohomish Health District’s webpage. The sooner one quits, the faster their body, and lungs, can rebound and repair themselves. [www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products](http://www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products)

### Is your family prepared?

Does your family have a plan in case of bad weather, school closure or delay? Who will pick up your student, if needed? How will you communicate if phone lines are jammed? Do you have needed emergency supplies in your car and at home?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](http://www.snohd.org) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood.

### Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child’s online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the “buddy lists.” Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home.

Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](http://www.stopbullying.gov)
- [Ms. Parry’s Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](http://www.mspc.org)
- [Common Sense Media](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](http://www.everettsd.org).

### Food and nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you mushrooms grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our vegetable medley and on the salad bar.

Did you know that mushrooms are composed of 90% water and contain over a dozen vitamin and minerals? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at [https://www.everettsd.org](https://www.everettsd.org). Don’t leave me, I’m a fungi!
Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **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.