

Hello Hawthorn Families!

I hope you and your child have had a great experience while attending Hawthorn. It is hard to believe first quarter is complete. With fall and second quarter underway, students, teachers and families alike look forward to the excitement of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. While these holidays are great opportunities for family time and building lifetime memories, they also cause me to mark time along our students' journey of learning. With each passing season and each holiday celebrated, the Hawthorn team looks intently at the growth and progress each child has made. We constantly ask, "How much has each child improved in their learning?" and, "What more can we do to ensure each child learns and grows as much as possible while they are with us at Hawthorn?"

"Learning Is a Journey" is our theme this year for Hawthorn. It is an apt description of the ongoing processes and efforts necessary to ensure each of us continues to learn, grow and improve. It is as imperative that the adults learn and grow right along our children. In fact, this year our teachers have quite a bit of new learning to accomplish. New learning standards, new resources and new technology are pushing the staff of Hawthorn to adapt, stretch and grow in our professional practices.

"Learning Is a Journey" also helps us communicate to our students that learning can take them anywhere in the world they want to go. Hawthorn is decorated with symbols of countries from around the world, maps and modes of travel. Our Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports are aligned and reflect our building theme as we establish a safe, orderly, happy learning environment. I am proud to work in a district and in a building in which student learning and success is the "Compass North." Decisions are made and resources expended based on what is best for our students and their learning.

Hawthorn is blessed with wonderful, caring, competent teachers. We have been afforded tremendous resources and facilities. With your help and partnership our desire is that your child experience the best school year ever—academically, socially, physically and emotionally. It is our privilege to contribute to growing and developing healthy kids in all aspects of their lives. As always, if you have questions, concerns or comments please don't hesitate to contact me at 573.317.3450 or tshockley@camdentonschools.org

Embracing the journey,

Todd Shockley, Principal

Halloween Parties

Watch for Halloween party notices from your teachers. Halloween parties will be held on October 30 at 2 p.m. or shortly after. If Halloween Party parents wish to decorate or prep for the party we have set aside 2 p.m. for that activity. Several students have asked if they would be having a Halloween parade. We do not have students dress in costume or have a building parade. Hawthorn parties are held within students' classrooms

Dates to Remember

- October 27—Hawthorn Robotics (4th Gr) - Science Lab—3:30 pm
- October 27—Jr FLL Robotics (3rd Gr) - Science Lab—3:30 pm
- October 28—No After-School Programs
- October 28—Attendance Celebration—2:45 pm
- October 28—Parent/Teacher Conferences—4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- October 29—Art Club Session I—Art Room—7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
- October 29—Family Lunch (Mrs. Blanton, Mrs. Brennaman, Ms. Hartman, Mrs. T. Rogers, Mrs. Vasquez) - 11:20 a.m.
- October 29—Jr FLL Robotics (3rd Gr) - Science Lab—3:30 pm
- October 29—Lights On Afterschool Celebration (P.A.S.S. Activity) - Commons—5:30 pm
- October 30—Honor Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room—7:30 a.m.
- October 30—Halloween Parties—2 p.m.
- October 30—No P.A.S.S.
- October 30—Hawthorn Robotics (4th Gr) - Science Lab—3:30 p.m.
- October 31—No School
- November 2—Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back one hour.
- November 3—Family Lunch (Mrs. Briscoe, Mr. Cook, Ms. Martinson, Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. Stoufer, Mrs. Wonderly) - 12:20 pm
- November 3—Jr FLL Robotics (3rd Gr) - Science Lab—3:30 pm
- November 4—Honor Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room—7:30 to 8:15 a.m.
- November 4—K-Kids—Hawthorn Library—3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Positive Behavior Support

At Hawthorn, we are enjoying a journey in learning with awesome student behavior! Every class can earn twenty compliments and celebrate. All classes have already earned multiple celebrations.

Your child may have mentioned "lunch bunch" or the CITA Award. These are two more ways we recognize Hawthorn students for positive behavior. Every Friday each teacher chooses two students who have met the Hawthorn expectations. Those two students may each choose a friend to join them for lunch with a staff member. If the weather is nice, we like to go outside; otherwise, we meet in the science lab. The CITA (Caught In The Act) Award is sponsored by the Camdenon Optimist Club. Students are nominated by Hawthorn faculty and staff when they are caught showing exemplary behavior. Each week we draw out of the box one fourth grade name and one third grade name. A certificate, sticker and some other prize is provided by the Optimist Club.

Hawthorn's mission is to have "Everyone Learning Every Day." In order to achieve this, your student's attendance is very important. Many of the learning opportunities and activities cannot be replicated outside the classroom setting. Hawthorn celebrates great attendance by awarding a celebration point each day to those classes achieving 95 percent in their classroom and double celebration points to those classes achieving 100 percent attendance for the day. A popcorn party is awarded to a class in each grade level who has the highest attendance for the month. Students with perfect attendance for any one month will be inducted into the Hawthorn Perfect Attendance society and will receive a bag tag signifying membership, as well as receiving a special treat. At the end of the year, we recognize students who have achieved 95 percent and 98 percent attendance. Students with 98 percent attendance are eligible for a drawing for a gift certificate from Wal-Mart.

PBS is an avenue for helping teach students the positive expectations and recognize students when they meet those expectations. Thanks for helping make Hawthorn a positive and safe environment for learning!



Picture Retakes will be held Thursday, November 20 All students who were absent September 11 or who enrolled after that time will need to have their picture taken for the yearbook.

Picture Retakes

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our first Parent/Teacher conference was held Tuesday, October 22 and we were excited about the participation. Our final Parent/Teacher will be held Tuesday, October 28. If you had not yet scheduled a time to meet with your child's teacher, please call the office (573-317-3450) to schedule a conference time for this coming Tuesday. Hope to see you!

Parent to School School to Parent

Routines are important; however, there are times that you will need to change your child's dismissal routine. For those special times, please call the office before 2:00 p.m. or send a note to the teacher. This helps us all get on the same page to get your child to his/her destination safely! **Also on your note for bus passes, please put the address as well as the person's name to whom your student is going.** This information is required by transportation. If we do not have that information and cannot reach you, your student will be put on his/her normal bus. Early release deadline is 11:00 a.m.

Did You Know?

Our web site is "www.camdentonschools.org." The home page will give you district information and the Hawthorn page will feature slide shows of our most current activities and the current monthly calendar. Our parent surveys are posted on our web page. If you have not completed one this year, we encourage you to do so. Your opinion helps make decisions for our future.

Please Note!

We do not keep a pick-up list at Hawthorn. If you are sending someone to pick up your child early from school to take him/her to the doctor/dentist or for any other reason, we request a note or phone call from you. We can only take messages from the primary caregiver for our students. **IDs are required for picking up your student.**