

January 2021



# SOARING NEWS

## Hawthorne Park Elementary

Mr. Burgess, Principal



### Virtual School (Option 2) Will Continue Through April

The Willingboro Public School District to continue all-remote instruction through April 19, 2021.

### Progress Reports

Progress reports are available via Genesis on January 4, 2021. Please encourage your child(ren) to complete all missing assignments. Also, encourage them to try their very best on all assignments and assessments. Students who are not making satisfactory performs will have an Academic Improvement Plan completed by their teacher. Those students may also referred to the school's counselor to go through the Intervention and Referral Services process. If you have any questions about either of the two processes please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Garvey, the school counselor.

### HPE PBSIS Program

HPE Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program has been a great success and we will continue the program this school year. The PBS program is designed to encourage students to practice positive-responsible behaviors. The theme of Hawthorne's PBS program is S.O.A.R. (Safe, On-Time, Achievement, Respectful). S.O.A.R. embodies a core set of values that we will instill in our students. These core values will be embedded in the schools code of conduct and posted throughout the school. Students that adhere to these expectations will earn rewards and opportunities to participate in a variety of unique activities and programs.

### HPE Virtual Tour Link

Click the following link to view a virtual tour of the school. The tour was created by Ms. Carter. Enjoy the tour-  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X-E9WmNegsU7R4NdeYcB6xHD1LUk6yEl/view?usp=sharing>

### Distance Learning Expectations

Click the following link to read the Principal's reminder letter for virtual learning-  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13Mz45rgCaeWkkEwtKp-qyGrfFjiG3n-X/view?usp=sharing>

### PTA Virtual Family Bingo

We are excited to announce the HPE's PTA will host its very first Virtual Family Bingo Night. Below is information for the event:

- ◆ Date: January 28, 2022
- ◆ Time: 6:30 pm -8:30 pm (Bingo will occur immediately after the PTA meeting.)
- ◆ Virtual Meeting Platform: Zoom
- ◆ All participants must be members of the HPE PTA. Click the following link to complete the application: [PTA Application Link](#)
- ◆ The maximum number of participants is 75. Participants will be selected on a first-come-first serve basis.
- ◆ Click the following link to register for the event: [Registration Link](#)
- ◆ Game pieces must be picked up at the school. Distribution dates are January 20, 21, & 22. Social distancing precautions will be taken and a mask must be worn. Eligible families will be notified with more additional information.
- ◆ Click the following link to view the official flyer: [PTA BINGO Flyer](#)

### **Please Join HPE PTA!**

For additional information email our PTA representatives at  
[hawthorneparkpta@yahoo.com](mailto:hawthorneparkpta@yahoo.com)

**PTA Online Application:** <https://forms.gle/y85zSfGYSGXmYozz6>



## Counselor's Corner– Ms. Garvey



Happy New Year!

The past 12 months have been like no other in living memory. After all we have been through, there is a real need to be self-reflective and identify ways to improve our mental health. A new year offers a fresh start and another opportunity to develop new and positive life strategies for parents and children. Taking small steps can support positive mental health and ensure a happier and healthier 2021:

1. **Take a walk.** It is no secret that exercise can improve symptoms of depression and reduce anxiety.
2. **Mediate.** Some studies suggest meditation changes regions of the brain associated with depression. It can help reduce stress, anxiety, and improve concentration.
3. **Take a social media break.** Around 7 to 10 Americans use social media. However, social media has been linked to depression, anxiety, poor sleep quality, and lower self-esteem.
4. **Keep a journal.** Rumination is thinking the same negative thoughts over and over and can be a symptom of anxiety and depression. Get these feelings on paper onto paper by writing them down in a journal. It could help you feel less overwhelmed and provide clarity.
5. **Ask for help.** Mental health challenges can make you feel like withdrawing, but that is the last thing you should do.

### Help Us To Stop Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic Absenteeism is defined by the NJDOE as, “ a student that is not present for 10% of the school year, for any reason.” The state does not differentiate between excused and unexcused absences– all absences count towards identifying students that are chronically absent. If a student misses a total of 18 days or more for the entire school year he/she will be identified as chronically absent.

Students that are **not** chronically absent, have higher grades; are less likely to drop out of school; and are more likely to become productive citizens as adults. Please support our efforts by making sure that your child attends school each and everyday. HPE has historically had a high number of students considered to be Chronically absent. We need your help with reducing our Chronically Absenteeism rate. You can assist us by doing the following:

- Make sure that your child reports to school each day on-time and only take days off when it is absolutely necessary.
- Schedule doctors' appointments after school or on days that school is closed.
- Do not schedule family trips or vacations during school days. Consider planning those trips during winter or spring break.
- Consider getting flu vaccinations for your child.

### Important School Numbers

#### Main Office

(609) 835-8960

#### School Nurse

Mrs. Berrouet: 835-8960 Ext. 6003

#### School Counselor/HIB Specialist

Ms. Garvey: 835-8600 Ext. 6014

#### Culture & Climate Specialist

Ms. Carter: (609) 835-8960 Ext. 1060

#### Reminders:

- ⇒ Do not forget to update Genesis if phone numbers, addresses, etc. change. Genesis can be updated via the Genesis Parent Portal.
- ⇒ Visit the WPS website to get up-to-date information on district's reopening plan.
- ⇒ Parents and guardians required to schedule appointments prior to visiting the school. Please call 609-835-8600 ext. 6000 or you can email Ms. Grady, School Secretary, at [kgrady@wboe.net](mailto:kgrady@wboe.net).
- ⇒ Student Chromebook Support
  - Need a device? Email a request to [chromebook@wboe.net](mailto:chromebook@wboe.net).
  - Technological issues email the request for support to [techsupport@wboe.net](mailto:techsupport@wboe.net).

#### Important Dates:

- ◆ 1/5/2021  
2nd M.P.  
Progress Report
- ◆ 1/13/2021  
Teacher Prof. Dev.  
Asynchronous Learning Day
- ◆ 1/18/2021  
Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- ◆ 1/28/2021  
PTA Meeting and Virtual Bingo Night