

February 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.

Report Cards

The end of the 1st marking period was February 4, 2021. Report cards are available via Genesis on February 16, 2021. Please encourage your child(ren) to complete all missing assignments. Also, encourage them to try their very best on all assignments and assessments.

A Message From the Principal

Click the following link to read the Principal's reminder letter for virtual learning-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TOreu1zkB8milPUBXenxK1la59eFm9Bj/view?usp=sharing>

Student Material Distribution

On February 10th and February 11th HPE will distribute student instructional resources and books. The time for the distribution is 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The materials will be distributed from the multi-purpose room/lunchroom. Social distance precautions will be taken. Families should pull up in front of the multipurpose room/lunchroom and materials will be brought out to you. Be sure to know your child's teacher's name and grade. Also, please be sure to wear a mask. No Chromebooks or technical support will be available during the distribution. If you are having an issue with your child's device, email your issue to techsupport@wboe.net.

WPS 2021-2022 Budget Meeting Information

The District will have the first of six (6) community budget meetings on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The link to join the community budget meetings can be found on the District's website.

The remaining community budget meetings are as follows:

- ◆ Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, March 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Please Join HPE PTA!

For additional information email our PTA representatives at

hawthorneparkpta@yahoo.com

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





Overcome your Child's Winter Blues

Feeling down in the winter is not just a grown-up problem. Many children experience seasonal mood changes also known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). This year, children may be even more vulnerable, as many are inside and physically separated from their friends because of the pandemic. According to Dr. Paul Desan, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Yale School of medicine, children may display the following behaviors: sleep changes, lack of Interest in "fun" activities, craving high-carbohydrate foods, attention issues, and mood fluctuations.

Here is how to help. First talk to your child and tell him/her that moods and feelings can change in the winter months. Work on establishing consistent sleep routines, maintaining a healthy diet, and getting outside every day for exercise. Finally consider light exposure in your home. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends opening shades during the day and trying a dawn simulator (which turns on a light slowly tricking the body into thinking the sun is rising) in your child's bedroom.

Internet Safety Tips

Hello All! Welcome to the world of "Everything Virtual"! Remember, this will hopefully only last a few more months before we are back in the school building. Because we are in this space, children are spending more time online at younger and younger ages, it's vital that we teach young children how to protect themselves online. Most young children get the "stranger danger" talk at school, so they know about how to handle strangers in face-to-face situations. But the "stranger danger" talk must now extend to online communication as well. While most stranger danger programs teach that strangers are scary, mean and want to hurt or abduct children, that may not be readily apparent especially online. Students should be taught that if someone is asking them questions ranging from their location to more inappropriate questions, they should tell their parents or an adult immediately. In real life students can walk or run away from a potential threat. In an online environment, the danger is hard to escape if they don't recognize the threat. Remember you are your child's first line of protection against online dangers, so the more you teach them the better they are at staying safe.

(This article was provided by Ms. Carter, HPE Culture and Climate Specialist)

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.
- ⇒ Student Chromebook Support
 - Need a device? Email a request to chromebook@wboe.net .
 - Technological issues email the request for support to techsupport@wboe.net .

Important Dates:

- End of Marking Period
 - ◆ 2/4/2021
- Student Material Distribution
 - ◆ 2/10 & 2/11
- Presidents Day-School Closed
 - ◆ 2/15/2021
- Report Cards Issued
 - ◆ 2/16/2021
- HPE School Wide Virtual Black History Program
 - ◆ 2/26/21