

# Hawthorne Park Elementary School

November 2021 Newsletter

**Ruhi A. Ahmed, Acting Principal**

## **Principals Message**

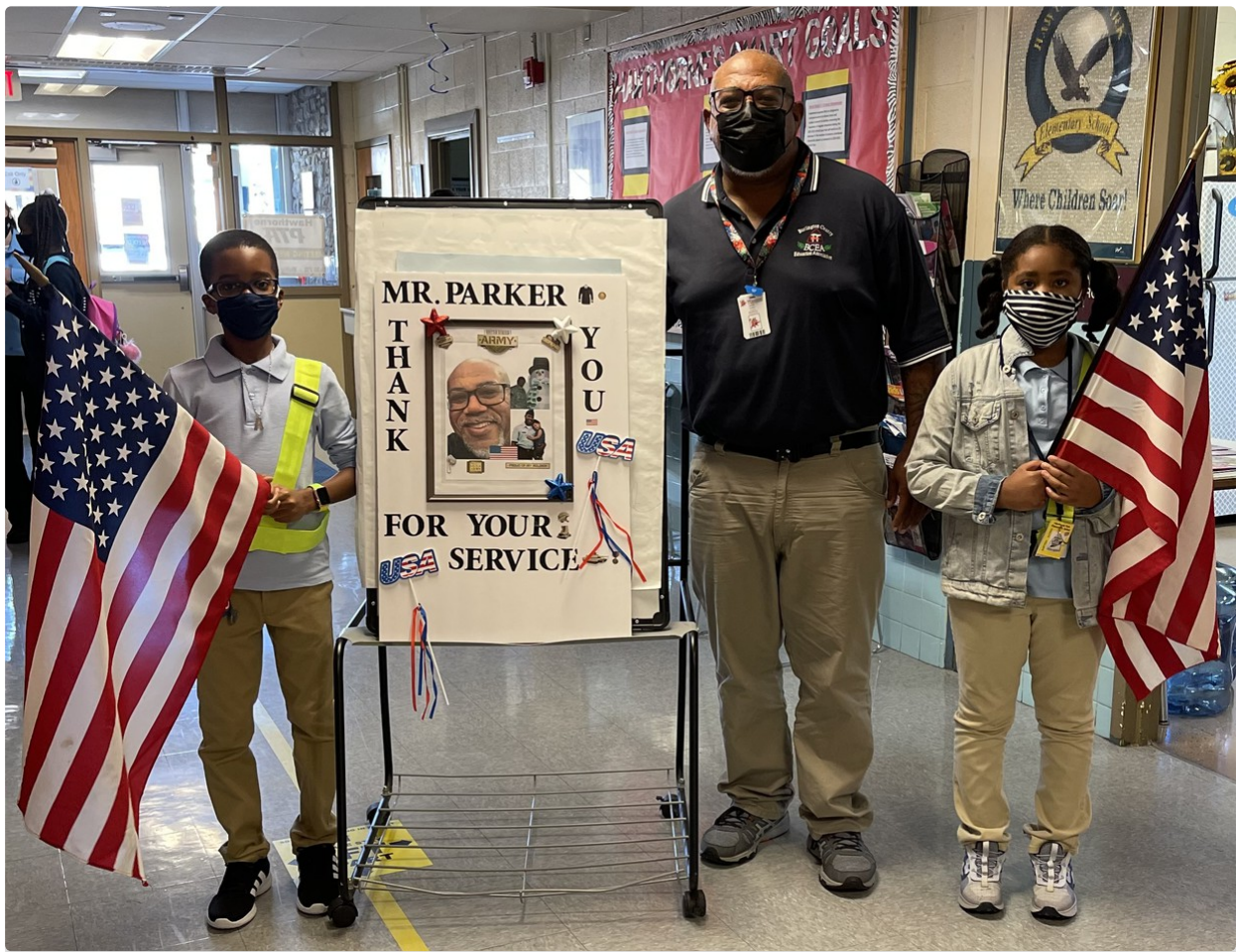
Every season we have so much to be thankful for. Thanksgiving, however, is a time to spend a little more time reflecting on the many areas of our lives and share that appreciation with our loved ones. There have been countless things to be grateful for this month at Hawthorne Park Elementary School. We are thankful for our parents and family members who are currently serving and who have served, to defend and protect our freedoms. We thank them all for their service and sacrifice for our nation. The students and staff honored our very own Veteran, Mr. Parker, and paid a special heartfelt tribute to him.

We are grateful to our families who made donations to HPE's Food Drive. The school was able to make generous donations to our local food pantry to ensure that families will have the support needed going into the holiday season.

Students also had the opportunity to participate in an election this month for Student Council. There was campaigning and students gave speeches to their classmates on why they deserved their votes. I would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the student government campaigns. It takes great courage and confidence for such an undertaking.

We are concluding this month with our virtual parent/teacher conferences. Please be sure to sign up to meet with your child's teacher, I am providing the link in this newsletter. Working together we can ensure that our students are set up for success. We are thankful to have an opportunity to partner with you to realize each and every student's potential.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a healthy, relaxing, and safe Thanksgiving break!



## Student Council Officers

Congratulations to our Student Council Officers

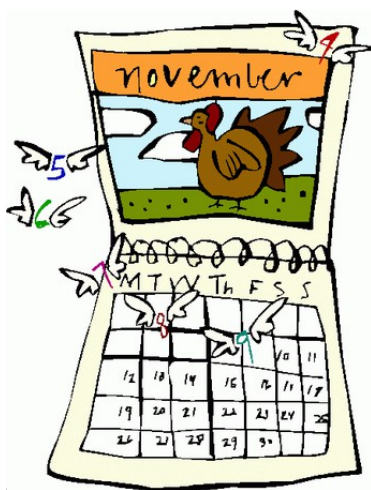
President- Aiden Gordon

Vice President- London Bell

Treasurer- Olivia Akinwumi

Secretary- Laila Tucker

Historians- Brielle Bitzer & Malek Martin Jones



## HPE School Calendar

Please click on the link to view.

[November School Calendar](#)

## Report Cards



The 1st marking period report cards will be released later this month . You can log into Genesis and see your child's report card. We believe it is very important for you to be aware of your child's progress and maintain a partnership between home and school.



## Hawthorne's Star Student

Our very own Kailaigh Dinson has been selected by Disney to appear in television commercials. We are so proud of Kailaigh's hard work and accomplishments. Way to go Kailaigh to S.O.A.R!

## Recess Reminder

As the weather gets colder, please send your students to school with appropriate coats, hats, and gloves. We do our best to get outside every single day that the weather permits for both recess and our mask breaks. Thank you for your help in keeping our students warm!



## Counselor's Corner- Mrs. Garvey

Research suggests that attending school regularly is important to ensuring children develop a strong foundation for subsequent learning. The early elementary years are crucial. Children are gaining basic social skills critical to ongoing academic success. Here are some tips for getting your child to school every day on time.

1. Make sure that your child reports to school each day on time and only takes days off when it is absolutely necessary.
2. Schedule appointments after school or on days that school is closed.
3. Do not schedule family trips or vacations during school days. Consider planning those trips during winter or spring break.
4. Consider flu vaccinations for your children.

5. Set a routine every morning.



## Parent/Teacher Virtual Fall Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are more important than ever. These valuable meetings will secure ample opportunities for parents/guardians to ask questions, learn about their child's academic progress, and share concerns. Teachers are eager to discuss student achievement and offer professional support. Hawthorne Park Elementary School parents will be able to schedule conferences for the following dates:

**November 30th- December 3rd.**

**Tuesday, November 30th- Day Conferences 2:15-3:40 pm**

**Wednesday, December 1st - Evening Conference 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 2nd- Day Conferences 2:15-3:40 pm**

**Friday, December 3rd- Day Conferences- 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Students will have early dismissal during Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

**All conferences will take place virtually over *Google Meet Video Conferencing*. There will be no in-person conferences.** Conference reservations are completed through Google Calendar:

**Please click on the link below to schedule your conference.**

[Hawthorne's Virtual Fall Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

### **SCHEDULING YOUR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE**

#### **How do I schedule a conference?**

When you click on the link above to schedule your conference, there is a video with directions on how to create the conference. If you need additional assistance with scheduling the conference, please reach out directly to your child's teacher.

Once you select the appointment slot, in the **"Description"** box enter **your FULL name & your child's FULL name.**

#### **How much time will I have to confer with my child's teacher(s)?**

**Teacher conferences are 10 minutes in length.**

Please make every attempt to be prompt.

Teachers work diligently to stay within the scheduled times.

If the times available do not work for YOU, contact the teacher to work out another possible option.



