

# HAWTHORNE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2022

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March is here and it is so nice to see more sunshine and the days getting gradually longer! It is hard to believe that daylight savings time begins on March 13 – when we turn our clocks forward one hour, and spring officially begins a week later on March 20. I am looking forward to the change in the season! March is a transitional month, and we are starting it right off with a few significant events.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate in reaching out to me. You can email me at [rahmed@wboe.net](mailto:rahmed@wboe.net)

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture, and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

Each day during the month of March, Hawthorne along with all schools district-wide will highlight a female historical figure and review three facts about that person at the start of each class.



## IMPORTANT DATES, MARCH 2022

**3/1** Read Around the World (3/1-3/4) Kick-off Day!! Wear blue, red, and/or yellow.

**3/2** Dress up to represent your favorite book or book character.

**3/3** Glowing Readers- Wear your neon and bright colors and bring in a flashlight to read.

**3/4** Pajama Day Dress in your cozy pajamas and bring in a stuffed animal to read with.

**3/10** Progress Reports Available via Genesis @ 4:00 P.M.

PTA Meeting

**3/13** Daylight Savings Time (Move the clock ahead 1 hour)

**3/14** Pi Day

**3/20** First Day of Spring

**3/21** World Down Syndrome Day (Rock Your Socks)

End of Session 1 Clubs

**3/22-3/25** Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)

**3/23-** Evening Conference

**3/24- 4/1** Book Fair in the Library

**3/28** Session 2 Clubs Begin

## 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On Friday, February 18th, Hawthorne Park E.S. celebrated the 100th Day of School.

In honor of the 80 days of school left, students and staff dressed up in '80's gear.

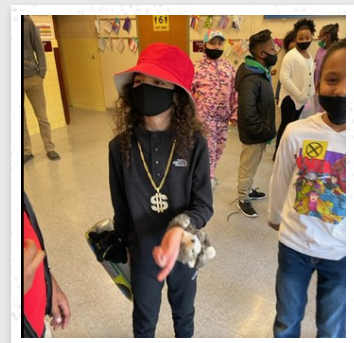
We had so much fun!



**100TH DAY  
PARADE**



**OUR  
STUDENTS  
LOOK  
FABULOUS!**



**BLAST FROM  
THE PAST**



**MR. KERLIN**



**MRS.  
VIZOCCA**



**MRS.  
CARTER**

## **COUNSELOR CORNER: MRS. GARVEY**

### **The Importance of Friendships for Grade School Children**

Today's children are faced with an entirely different set of challenges than previous generations. One concern remains the same—making friends. Friendships bring happiness into children's lives and have a huge impact on their mental and physical health.

Making friends comes naturally to some children while other children struggle to make friends. If your child is having trouble making friends at school, here are some things a parent can do to help:

1. Encourage your child to greet other people.
2. Develop social skills in increments.
3. Plan playdates at home.
4. Be present but not overbearing.
5. Talk to your child about friendship.
6. Play games with your child.
7. Let your child help you around the house.
8. Provide a strong example.

## **READ AROUND THE WORLD**





## VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, March 22nd

Wednesday, March 23rd Evening Conference

Thursday, March 24th

Friday, March 25th

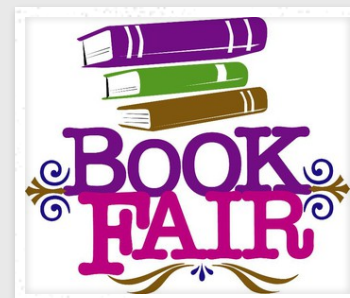
Students will have Early Dismissal (1:20) during Parent/Teacher Conferences

More Information to Follow

## PTA BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair

March 24th - April 1st in the Library



## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY MARCH 21ST

The Hawthorne Park Elementary Related Services Team would like you to join us and ROCK YOUR SOCKS on Monday, March 21 for World Down Syndrome Day. We encourage all teachers, staff, and students to wear their BRIGHTEST and MOST FUN socks and show the world their unique style.

The meaning behind "Rock Your Socks" on March 21: The date is symbolic because people with Down Syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome (Hence, 3/21). And socks were chosen because the karyotype of these chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks!

Teachers will take this opportunity to talk to their students about inclusion, diversity, and acceptance. **Everyone is different in their own way, but we all have something positive to contribute; so let's celebrate our differences and make the world a brighter place!**



# ROCK YOUR SOCKS!

WEAR YOUR FUN,  
BRIGHTLY COLORED  
SOCKS (EVEN MIS-  
MATCHED). HELP SPARK  
A CONVERSATION  
ABOUT DIVERSITY,  
INCLUSION, UNIQUENESS  
& ACCEPTANCE OF  
EVERYONE!

*Celebrate*

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY, MARCH 21

