

# ***Hawthorne Hawks***

December 2022

## **Principal's Message**

Happy Holidays to each member of our Hawthorne family! We are so fortunate to have a community that blends so many traditions and cultures and brings different perspectives to our days. Although our celebrations may differ, we find commonality in loving and supporting our students and our efforts to give them rich and meaningful experiences at school.

Along with the holidays, December brings cold weather, please remember that it is important that students come to school dressed appropriately for winter weather. Temperatures can fluctuate drastically during the day, so coats, hats, and long pants are important clothing for protection from the winter weather. If at all possible, we try to send the students outside for recess. Unless the wind chill/temperature is unsafe for students to be outside, the students will be out for recess.

Winter break begins at 1:20 on Friday, December 23rd. We hope you find the time to rest, relax and value time with family & friends. We look forward to our students' safe return on January 3, 2023. I wish all of you a wonderful and safe break.

Ruhi Ahmed, Principal



## **DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES**

12/1 & 12/2 Early Dismissal @ 1:20 Parent/Teacher Conferences

12/21 Progress Reports

12/23 Early Dismissal @ 1:20

12/24-1/2/23- Winter Break

# A December to Remember at Hawthorne Park Elementary



<b>December 5</b> <b>'Rockin' in Your Socks:</b> Wear Crazy Socks! <b>CRAZY SOCKS!</b>	<b>December 6</b> <b>Honor Diwali:</b> Wear Yellow to Bring Luck to All! 	<b>December 7</b> <b>It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas:</b> Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt 	<b>December 8</b> <b>Jingle Bells :</b> Wear Hawthorne Spirit Gear and Bells! <b>J N L B L S</b>	<b>December 9</b> <b>I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas:</b> Wear White 
<b>December 12</b> <b>Grinch Day</b> Wear Green 	<b>December 13</b> <b>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer:</b> Dress like Rudolph or Wear Reindeer Antlers 	<b>December 14</b> <b>New Years Eve Attire</b> Dress to Impress 	<b>December 15</b> <b>Unite for Kwanzaa:</b> Wear Black, Red, and Green! <b>SWANZAA</b>	<b>December 16</b> <b>Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel My Clothes Are All Mixed Up:</b> Wear mismatched clothes 
<b>December 19</b> <b>Celebrate Hanukkah:</b> Wear Blue and White! <b>HANUKKAH!</b>	<b>December 20</b> <b>Shine Bright, Little Lights in honor of Diwali:</b> Wear Lighted Wardrobe, (tinsel, glitter, garland, necklaces, etc....) 	<b>December 21</b> <b>Mad About Plaid:</b> Wear your Favorite Plaid/Flannel Shirt! 	<b>December 22</b> <b>Ugly Sweater Day:</b> Wear your Ugly Festive Sweater! 	<b>December 23</b> <b>All Aboard the Polar Express:</b> Wear your favorite pajamas! 

## Message from Nurse Berrouet

I would like to share some important information about the spread of the FLU (influenza).

- People with the Flu can spread it to others, from up to about 6 feet away! The flu is transmitted by droplets that come out of the mouth when people cough, sneeze or talk.
- Also, someone might get the Flu by touching a surface or object that has the Flu virus on it, and then touching their own mouth or nose.
- To avoid this people should stay away from sick people, and stay home if they are feeling sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Do not share eating utensils and dishes with those who are sick before washing them thoroughly first with soap and hot water.
- Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected at home and school, especially if someone is sick.
- Children may pass the virus to others for longer than 7 days. Sometimes the symptoms start 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body.





- Some people can be infected with the Flu but have no symptoms (asymptomatic).

**WASH YOUR HANDS! GET THE FLU VACCINE! STAY HYDRATED! STAY HEALTHY!**

## Data Corner Smart Goals

### Hawthorne's Smart Goals

Each year principals are charged with creating a school-wide plan. The plans are centered around Smart Goals

SMART goals are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely.

The SMART method gives a sense of direction and helps to organize the goals.



### ***Smart Goal #1 Language Arts***

By the end of the 2023 school year, through an intense focus on close reading, 85% of all students will demonstrate typical growth in reading comprehension on the iReady assessment as compared to the baseline.

### ***Smart Goal #2 Mathematics***

By the end of the 2023 school year, through an intense focus on fluency and vocabulary, 85% of all students will demonstrate typical growth in reading comprehension on the iReady assessment as compared to the baseline.

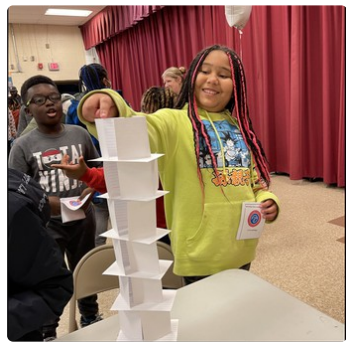
### ***Smart Goal #3 Absenteeism***

By the end of the 2023 school year, through the effective implementation of the school attendance tracking system and Positive Behavioral Support Program, the chronically absent student rate will be reduced by 2% from 26% to 24% when compared to the 2021-2022 school year.

## Moments to Celebrate 🎉

### **FAMILY S.T.E.A.M Night**

Hawthorne Park Elementary Schools STEAM Family Night was an evening of hands-on science, math, and engineering activities for students and families to complete together. This event included a range of activities covering different STEAM topics. Students and families got to experience hands-on activities and learning.



## Tallest Tower

[K-2-ETS1 Engineering Design](#)

[3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design](#)



## Coding

8.2: Technology Education, Engineering, Design, and Computational Thinking - Programming



## Spaghetti/ Marshmallow Construction

[K-2-ETS1 Engineering Design](#)

[3-5-ETS1 Engineering Design](#)



## Teacher of the Year



## Hawthorne Proud



## Educational Support Personell



## Student Council Election Results

We are very proud of all our students who ran for student council positions. Our students were required to make posters and post them throughout the school, give a live speech and record themselves. Our students did a fabulous job expressing themselves and articulating their thoughts. Congratulations!!!

### President

KaiLeigh Denson



### **Vice-President**

Alaya Bailey

### **Secretary**

Amolia Williams

### **Historians**

Kenardo Evans

Jade MacMillian

## **Counselor's Corner**

Several Hawthorne families participated in the Strengthening Families Program this month, and each one received a 150 dollar gift certificate.

The Strengthening Families Program is a nationally recognized science-based, outcome-oriented program and is designed to address the challenges of children and their families. It is conducted in seven sessions right here at Hawthorne Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A family meal and childcare for younger children were provided at no cost. The program will be offered again in the spring.

The word of the month for December is Compassion. Hawthorne students will be talking about what it means to be compassionate in their classrooms. Examples of compassionate behavior will be provided during the morning announcements.



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# Coffee with the Principal



December 7th

January 18th

February 9th

March 9th

April 6th

May 11th

June 8th

9:30 a.m in the Multi-purpose Room

We value your feedback, comments, and your participation. Parents are invited and welcome to join me monthly to receive the latest news and events for Hawthorne Park Elementary School. Coffee with the Principal is the time for parents to hear about instructional programs, gain instructional data knowledge, learn strategies to assist your children, ask questions, and/or share concerns that will positively impact student academic achievement. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and share in celebrating the school's progress. All guardians are welcome!

Ruhi Ahmed, Principal

## PTA Happenings

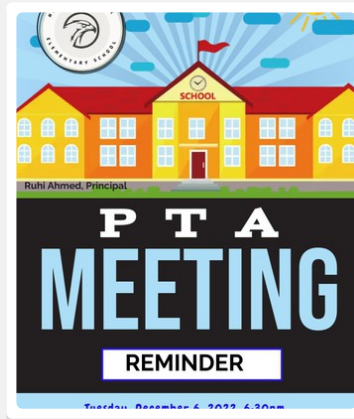




## Scholastic Book Fair Dec. 5th-9th, Family Night Book Fair Dec. 8th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dear Parents and Families:  
The Hawthorne Park PTA is sponsoring a Family Night Book Fair and we are inviting you and your families to come out and enjoy a night of books, games, prizes, and snacks.

**Family Night Book Fair**  
**Date: Thursday, December 8th, 2022**  
**Time: 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**  
**Place: Hawthorne Park Library**



## PTA Meeting

PTA meeting will be held at Hawthorne Park Elementary  
Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.  
Multipurpose room



## Movie Night

All Aboard the Polar Express  
Hawthorne Park Elementary School  
Friday, December 16, 2022,  
at 6:00 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room



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