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## Principal's Message

Parents,

Thank you for a great start to the school year. Thank you to all the parents who helped make the book fair a success – both those who set it up and ran it and everyone who supported it.

Remember, a critical role for parents to help their child with their education is to have your child read each night and to help them complete their homework. In the lower grades have them read to you. Help them get homework done, as this provides students important practice on skills to help them advance. It is also important to volunteer at the school to provide more one-on-one help for each child. HOPE and staff encourage each of you to actively participate in your child's education and join us in building a strong and unified school community. There are volunteer opportunities for parents, families, friends, and neighbors to volunteer in the classroom and at school activities. There are opportunities for businesses to help in classrooms or sponsor activities. Help us work together to help our students become International Baccalaureate Learners.

A few reminders as we go into October:

- There are a few changes in pick-up. Starting Oct. 1 the school will no longer be providing the alternative parking lot. For the safety of the students, pick up your students through the parking lot stacking lanes.
- Parents please go onto SIS and include your email in the contact information. We will be transitioning to sending information home through this venue in three weeks. This will mean that if you have a number of students in the school, you will only be getting one email rather than four or five
- As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure students are dressed to go out at recess and wait for you outside during pick up. An umbrella is good to have on rainy days to keep them dry at pick-up.
- We would appreciate the following donations for the office: band-aids, Neosporin, and hand sanitizer as we go through a lot each week. Please bring donations to the office.
- We are in the process of creating a video to introduce Hawthorn Academy to perspective business partners, new families, and interested public and legislators. If you or someone you know might help us with the filming and final editing, please contact Dr. Swensen or call the office.
- Read the updates that come out each Friday to stay up on what is happening.

Thank you again for all of your support and help.

*Dr. Deborah L. Swensen*  
*Principal*

# Counseling Corner

I wanted to send an update about what is happening to continue to teach students about caring and eliminate any bullying at Hawthorn Academy. We are surveying students to evaluate how things are going this year as compared to last year. At the end of each we conduct a survey, to help us evaluate how the year went. We currently have both policies and procedures that include specific responses by teachers and administrators when incidents arise. Last year, we had success with our IB buddy box (for confidential reporting of bullying) and will continue its use for this year. Our student leadership committee put together a bullying video which we will be showing in classes this year to launch our anti-bullying program at Hawthorn Academy.

Our "battle cry" for this year is to emphasize the personalities of bullying - the victim, the bully, and the bystanders. The bystanders fall into 3 groups - those that support the bully, those that are neutral, and those heroes that speak up for the victim. It is the bystanders that we want to focus on to some degree - to honor and encourage the heroes at our school. In our August opening assembly, our student leadership committee did an anti bullying skit before the student body, and emphasized the need for heroes in our school.

If you detect bullying behavior toward your child, please contact his/her teacher first, or an administrator.

**Larry Witherspoon**  
Counselor

## HOPE Message -

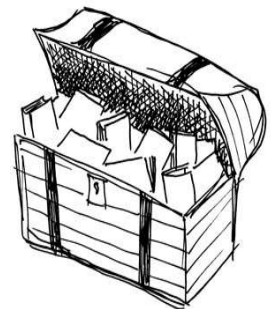
We have had another fun-filled month of activities at Hawthorn Academy! It is amazing how fast the time is flying by this year. We are really doing a great thing to establish such amazing traditions here at Hawthorn Academy in just 3 short years. We have created an amazing family of students, teachers, parents and support staff. There is still a lot of fun to be had this year as well. Take a look at the "Print & Post" Calendar at the end of the newsletter too! Don't be afraid to get involved, there are so many fun ways to help. For more information on activities, events and volunteer opportunities read our Friday Updates and check out the HOPE website at [www.hawthorn-academy-pto.appspot.com](http://www.hawthorn-academy-pto.appspot.com). Thanks!

Stephanie Dykstra, HOPE President

## HOPE Treasurers Corner -

In September, we distributed all of the orders from Back to School. If you had any problems with orders, please contact Sarah at [gsmson@comcast.net](mailto:gsmson@comcast.net). This month we spent money on decorations for the Book Fair and on supplies for organizing volunteers, birthday gifts, popcorn Fridays, and the Box Tops dress down days.

Thanks,  
Sarah Mason  
Treasurer



# Fundraising Opportunities - \$\$\$

Thank you to all of you that came out for our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night. These little fundraising opportunities are great for HOPE. They require very little work and man power. We usually earn over \$200 for just 2 hours of our time!

Here is another quick easy way for us to earn some money for HOPE and Hawthorn Academy. Many of you may have seen the weekly announcements about **Plum District**. We just found out that so far, Hawthorn is the top enrolling school in the valley! We have already signed up 175 people – that’s \$525! Great job everyone! Because we have been so successful, **Plum District** has extended their offer to us through October 31<sup>st</sup>! If you click the link below and sign up, Hawthorn will get \$3! Every person that registers before October 31st earns us another \$3. That is all you have to do! No purchase is required! **Plum District** is an online service made by Moms for Moms. They advertise local coupons and deals around Salt Lake City. It is a great service for busy parents. Please register and forward it to your family and friends! Here’s the link: <http://bit.ly/hawthornacademy>. (You have to use this link or the money won’t go to Hawthorn Academy.)



## TOP VOLUNTEERS IN SEPTEMBER!

A special THANK YOU to all of our amazing Hawthorn Volunteers!

The top volunteers for August were:

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Classrooms</u>
Stacey Lamont	Alaina Laukka
Colleen Hoyt	Michael Doyle
Lanese Hendrickson	Danny Quinney

Also we have our “**Climbers Club**” which showcases Volunteers that have met or exceeded the set hours for the school. They are broken up in to sections for how many hours they have done.

<u>30 Hours</u>	<u>50 Hours</u>	<u>100 Hours</u>
LynDee Royce	Sarah Mason	Bev Case
Maureen Pierson	Cassy Allen	
Cathy Kay	Sheri Sorensen	
Brigitte Todd	Stacey Lamont	
Sara Olsen	Colleen Hoyt	
Cristina Zeman		
<u>100 Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	
Taralee Clarke	For September 1,307 hours	
Stephanie Dykstra	Year to Date 2,270 hours	



A very special THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our Third Annual Scholastic Book Fair & Grand Event so great! It was “Out of this World”! We had over \$12,000 in sales and collected over \$350 in the One for Books Program. That is nearly \$6,000 in Scholastic Bucks for our school to purchase books and equipment. We couldn’t have done it without you all! A great big shout out to our fearless leaders – Heather Jewkes, Ashlei Thompson and Kathy Craig!

# Help Needed!

**Our Facilities Committee** is in need of a list of parents to call for help when needed. This would be for things such as furniture deliveries, simple building repairs, and other handyman jobs. If you are interested in helping with this committee, then please send an email to Stephanie at [Stephdykstra@live.com](mailto:Stephdykstra@live.com). Please include the best way to contact you and your usual hours of availability.



**The Wellness Committee** is looking for more interested volunteers. They meet monthly to review ideas and plan events. They are planning to start a Healthy Living Blog with recipes, exercise tips, local events and more! This committee will also plan the Healthy Living Festival and Family Fun Run in the spring. If you have any questions or want to help, then contact Jeanne at [rankinjeanne@gmail.com](mailto:rankinjeanne@gmail.com).



## RED RIBBON WEEK

If you are available to help the week of October 7 - October 14 then contact Sheri at [scaryelf@yahoo.com](mailto:scaryelf@yahoo.com). They are planning the most amazing Red Ribbon Week ever! Help us to teach our students to be "Pawsitively Drug Free"!



**The Inspirations Committee** needs your help! They need help with organization, advertising and education to get things started. They also need some of your talents to help with the collection and judging of entries. If you are interested, please contact Stacey LaMont at [sjlamont10@comcast.net](mailto:sjlamont10@comcast.net) or Colleen Hoyt at [cori-world@msn.com](mailto:cori-world@msn.com).




## Contact HOPE:

Please feel free to contact us anytime! We would love to have your ideas and input. For a full list of HOPE committees, please refer to the HOPE website or Bulletin Board. Thanks!

- HOPE President.....Stephanie Dykstra, [stephdykstra@live.com](mailto:stephdykstra@live.com)
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# COMING SOON -



We would like to participate in Operation Gratitude. Some of the area dentists are collecting leftover Halloween candy and shipping it overseas through the military. We would like to do the same. Once we get approval from administration we will be passing the information onto you. Essentially, we would like to collect leftover Halloween candy. It will then get shipped to our soldiers. The military soldiers eat it themselves and also hand it out to kids around them. Stay posted for more information.

## From the Wellness Committee

Halloween is coming!

For the health of our children here are some alternatives to giving out candy;

- Halloween Stickers
- fake Tattoos
- eyeball Bubbles
- Money
- Pencils
- Silly Bands
- Erasers
- Sugar-free gum
- Party Favor Sunglasses
- Small cans of playdoh
- Noisemakers



## Product Collections 2011 - 2012

Congratulations, Isaac Jewkes (2nd Grade)!

He was the winner of the most Box Tops handed in before August 31st.

We are collecting 4 different items this year; Coke Rewards, Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and Cream O'Weber Give Em' Five. There is a full list of this information and links on the HOPE website. REMEMBER – we do collect all of these items BUT only Box Tops count towards Dress Down Days. Please contact Sarah at [gsmason@comcast.net](mailto:gsmason@comcast.net) with questions.



## COMING SOON - CONTINUED

# It's time to get started on Inspirations projects!



### *Theme: My Favorite Things*

We are looking forward to another round of awesome entries for this year's Inspirations contest! We hope you will encourage your students to participate. This is a great opportunity for our students to grow in the arts and be recognized for their abilities and efforts! Participation in Inspirations also counts towards the IB Achievement Awards, so go for it!

#### **Categories**

- 2-D Visual Art, Photography • 3-D Art • Theatre • Choreography/Dance • Film/Video • Musical Composition • Literature • Graphic/Digital Art.

*Every child can submit one entry for each of the nine categories.*

#### **Age Divisions**

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd grade - 5th grade
- 6th grade - 8th grade
- 9th grade - 12th grade










Entries are due on January 9th, 2012 in the Learning Center. Please do not give them to the teachers. All entries will require an entry form (included in this newsletter) and must be the work of ONE student. Attach entry forms (in protective sleeves), to the bottom back side of each project. Please encourage your student and allow them to be the creative one. There will be a slide show and awards assembly on February 3, 2012.

The Inspirations Program has general rules as well as detailed rules for each category. These will soon be posted on the HOPE website at <http://hawthorn-academy-pto.appspot.com/>. Once your student has decided which category(s) to participate in, please familiarize yourself and your student with the more detailed rules of that specific category.

**ENTRIES THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THE RULES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGIONAL OR STATE COMPETITION!**

If you have questions about this program please contact Colleen Hoyt at [coriworld@msn.com](mailto:coriworld@msn.com) or Stacey LaMont at [sjlamont10@comcast.net](mailto:sjlamont10@comcast.net).

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