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Principal's Message

Hello Parents!

Each day I appreciate the wonderful parents with which I work. You volunteer in the classrooms, help with HOPE activities and assist in other activities that help the school. International Baccalaureate (IB) students are caring, committed and demonstrate cooperation. We appreciate that you as parents model this for your children. We have some amazing events that are coming up and encourage all of you to participate.

One of our focuses this year is continue to help students increase their reading fluency. We will be having our Third Annual Literacy night on Wednesday, September 28 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. We are excited to let you know about our upcoming “**Super Fluent Reading**” Literacy Night starring **Super Fluency Guy** and **Super Fluency Girl!** We have some exciting information and presenters that will help your student with fluent reading. Practicing to become a fluent reader is so important for every student – it affects comprehension and vocabulary, not to mention reading rate. Reading also impacts a student’s writing. Every student and parent will benefit from attending. Set aside the night and come join our “**Super Teachers and Staff**” as we help prepare you to help your kids “**Fly with Fluency**”! Student-Led Conferences are coming up Sept. 21 and 22. You will be receiving an appointment time for middle school and a notice to sign up for a time with your elementary students. Please make sure you come. We will have been in school for five weeks and it will be a great time to have your student share with you his goals and how he/she is doing thus far.

We want to share with our families that Hawthorn Academy that students did very well last year. Hawthorn Academy made the federal requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the state’s accountability system - UPASS. We increased the percent of students proficient in both English Language Arts and Math.

Communication is very important in IB and to support students in their learning. We stress this trait with students and encourage you as parents to practice it too. Please email teachers with any concerns. Also, the majority of the teachers have websites. Please visit these websites to help stay up to date on assignments and resources. Students in grades 5 – 9 should be bringing home their planners each day and sharing with you what they have done that day and what assignments they have due.

I would like to encourage you to look at the afterschool activities that we have sent home in updates – elementary band and ballroom – and take advantage of them. We have to have a minimum number of students in order to carry these activities.

Finally, we need your help. The 7th Day Adventist Church has complained that students waiting there are putting rocks in the grass and leaving garbage. If you are picking up your students there, please be there right at 3 p.m. so that we do not have any of these issues. Encourage your students to practice the IB trait of respect for the property when they are there. We will lose the right to use this parking lot if the problems continue.

Again, thank you for being a part of our school.

Dr. Deborah L. Swensen
Principal

Hope Message - Welcome Back Hawthorn Eagles!

Hello Hawthorn Eagles! Wow – what a great start to another amazing year! All of our Back to School Events were very successful and we appreciate your help and support. We still have lots of fun activities coming in the month of September. Look at the “Print and Post Calendar” at the end of this newsletter. It lists all of our great activities for the month. Just print it out and post it on your bulletin board for easy reminders of upcoming events. You can also find lots of information on our HOPE website at www.hawthorn-academy-pto.appspot.com. We also want to let you know that we have listened to your suggestions and we recognize the need for quick and accurate communication with our Hawthorn parents. We have found that email is the best option. It is quick, cheap and green! We realize that there is often a lot of information to read and frequent announcements. This is sometimes unavoidable because of so much happening at Hawthorn every day, especially in the first couple months of school. If an email doesn’t apply to you, then you can delete it at any time. We are just trying to keep everyone informed. Thank you all for being such a great support to HOPE and Hawthorn Academy!

Stephanie Dykstra, HOPE President

Board of Trustees Message -

What an exciting year we have in store for us here at Hawthorn Academy. The Board of Trustees is looking forward to the 2011/12 school year. This year we will be reaching out to all of our stakeholders for their involvement in our Accreditation and IB application processes. These are very important in creating our unique culture at Hawthorn Academy. Please watch for opportunities to get involved and take part in making Hawthorn Academy the best educational experience.

Please mark your calendars for Literacy Night on September 28, 2011. This is a very fun and educational night for parents and students. The Faculty and staff do an amazing job of providing very helpful information and tools for parents and students to use to improve vital literacy skills.

Be sure to check out the HOPE Calendar for many other events coming in September too, such as Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Scholastic Book Fair, Popcorn Friday, and much more! At many of the bigger events we will have a Board representative available for questions as needed. Look for one of us in our special Hawthorn Board of Trustees shirts!

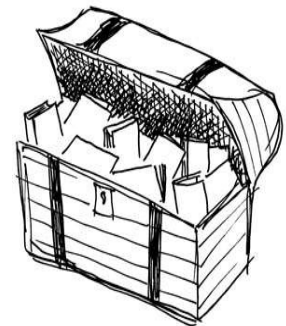
Many of you already have a good idea of the framework involved in an IB focused school. Many of you are no doubt learning right along side of your students about this program as well. At Hawthorn Academy we offer two of the three IB programs. The IB Primary Years Program and the IB Middle Years Program.

Throughout this school year we will be offering some parent nights specifically designed to help you learn what it means to be an IB focused school. We have provided some overview information about the two IB Programs on the HOPE website for your review. For more information you can visit the IB website accessible from the schools website or schedule an appointment with your student’s teacher or an administrator.

Treasurers Corner

Welcome Back! Our back to school events generated over \$5,000 in donations and orders for t-shirts, Popcorn Fridays, Dress Down Days and more. If you missed your chance to order before the August 31st cutoff, certain items may still be available to purchase. Please contact a member of the HOPE Board for more information.

Thanks,
Sarah Mason
Treasurer



Fundraising Opportunities - \$\$\$

HOPE will have several fundraising opportunities throughout the year; such as our Family Fall Carnival and Family Fun Run. Here are 2 simple opportunities to raise money for Hawthorn Academy without even leaving your living room!

1. Plum District: This is an online discount service made by Moms for Moms. They advertise local coupons and deals around Salt Lake City. You can help Hawthorn just by joining before September 30th. If you just click the link and sign up, Hawthorn will get \$3! Every person that registers before September 30th earns us another \$3. That is all you have to do! No purchase is required! 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.)
2. Deals that Matter: This is another online discount service. They also have daily and weekly deals at local stores and events. If you register with Deals that Matter through Hawthorn Academy, we will get 15-20% of any purchases that are made. Just go to www.dealsthatmatter.com and check it out!



Announcements

TOP VOLUNTEERS IN AUGUST!

A special THANK YOU to all of our amazing Hawthorn Volunteers! We have already had some major events in our first month of school. We couldn't have any of these activities without your help. Back to School Night and the Third Annual Family Fall Carnival were both a big success thanks to you!

The top volunteers for August were:

Activities

Beverly Case
Sarah Mason
Sheri Sorensen

Classrooms

Veronica Martinez
Macrina Miller
Trudy Smith

Also we will have our "Climbers Club" which will showcase Volunteers that have met or exceeded the set hours for the school. They will be broken up in to sections for how many hours they have done.

30 Hours

Cassy Allen
Sheri Sorensen

50 Hours

Sarah Mason
Beverly Case

100 Hours

Taralee Clarke
Stephanie Dykstra

Attention All Athletes

Basketball season is just around the corner. We will be holding an open gym on **September 8th at 5: 00 PM**. Any boys grades 6th-9th wanting to play this season are invited to come out, play and meet Coach Thompson! Parents with any questions can contact **Coach Thompson at 801-699-8176 or by e mail mike@allyutah.com**

Hope to see you there Go Eagles!

Middle School Auction Winners

Mrs. Haslam's BBQ Basket



Ms. Casper's Money Basket



There was a tie. **CONGRATULATIONS** to both classes! Great Job!



Help Needed!

We currently have several after school programs in place. We will be implementing new extracurricular activities soon and want your help!

If you have any ideas of clubs, activities or sports that you would like to see at Hawthorn Academy, please let us know! Some ideas that have been suggested are Martial Arts, Fencing, Drama Club, Peer Group, Photography, Yoga, Astronomy Club, etc. Feel free to provide any ideas that you have to help make Hawthorn an even better experience for your children.

Also, if there any parents that would be willing to offer their talents, we want to hear from you! If you have any associates that may want to offer classes, please provide us with their information.

Please contact Kasey at kasey.hawthorn@gmail.com with your ideas and your help.

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. Please include the best way to contact you and your usual hours of availability.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night:

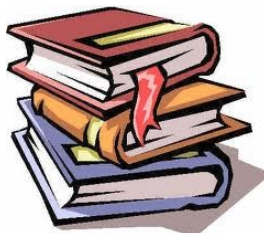
Our first Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A in South Jordan at the District will be on **Monday, September 26th from 5-7pm**. There will be fun activities, yummy food and good friends. Hawthorn Academy gets 20% of all proceeds during that time. We need 4 adult volunteers to be there during this event. If you are interested, contact Stephanie at stephdykstra@live.com

Our 3rd Annual Literacy Night is coming soon. "Super Fluent Reading" will be on **Wednesday, September 28th from 6-7:30pm**. The evening will star some Superheroes and lots of great information about reading fluency. HOPE will provide literacy related activities in the gymnasium to entertain the younger children. We need volunteers to help plan and chaperone these activities. If you are interested, then please contact Stephanie at stephdykstra@live.com.

Popcorn Friday will start **Friday, September 30th** and then every last Friday of each month. If you want to help pop, bag and distribute popcorn, then contact Taralee at taraleeclarke@gmail.com.

The Scholastic Book Fair is also coming soon! It will be **September 19-22, 2011**. The theme is "To the Book Fair & Beyond". Please contact Heather at jhjwkes@gmail.com for more information.

Window Coverings for the library - We are looking for a talented parent who would be willing to help us make window coverings for the library. These are needed in case of a lock down, if you are willing to help or have any ideas please contact Ashlei Thompson at ashlei.thompson@gmail.com.

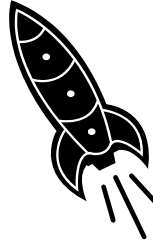


COMING SOON.

To the Book Fair and Beyond!

Scholastic Book Fair September 19th - 22nd

We are excited for Scholastic to be back as a part of our fall book fair. Plan to attend during your Student Led Conferences. The "Grand Event" held this week will be a great time for a Grandparent or other special person to come and enjoy time with your student and to visit the Book Fair. Watch for more details coming in the Friday updates!



Inspirations—It's time once again to start thinking about your Inspirations projects!

This year we will be competing with other schools, so let's show them all how awesome Hawthorn Academy students are! The theme for this year will be "My Favorite Things". Watch for more information coming soon.

ROOM PARENT TEA

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: HAWTHORN'S CAFETERIA

PLEASE JOIN US TO DISCUSS:

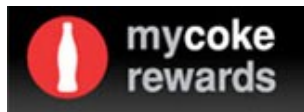
- ◇ The responsibilities of the room parents
- ◇ The expectations and needs of the teachers
- ◇ Great ideas to make it fun!

All elementary school teachers, room parents and assistant room parents are invited.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Lanese Hendrickson, Room Parent Coordinator, no later than Wednesday, September 7.



Patriot Day 10th Anniversary - Help to honor our fellow Americans that made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11. We are celebrating these amazing people on **Friday, September 9, 2011**. We will have an assembly with special guest speakers. Everyone should wear their red shirts to honor Patriot Day/ If you are a scout in grades 6-9, you can also wear your scout shirt.





Product Collections 2011 - 2012

Everyone please register at rewardyourschool.com. This is a great tool to earn bonus Box Tops for shopping at Smith's! Keep collecting those Box Tops, Labels for Education, Give 'em Five Milk Lids, and Coke Rewards. Each little bit helps us earn money for our school and redeem points for art, music, and athletic equipment



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4	5 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	6	7 HOPE Meeting	8	9 Patriot Day Assembly & Room Parent Tea 2:00 pm	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Scholastic Book Fair Through the 22nd 	20 Grand Event	21 Student Led Conferences 21st & 22nd	22 Early Out 1:00 pm Teacher Dinners	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25 Newsletter Information Due	26 Make Up Day for School Pictures & Chik fil A Spirit Night 5 - 7 pm	27	28 Literacy Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm 	29	30 Box Tops Dress Down Day Birthday Celebrations Popcorn Friday HOPE Committee Reports Due	