



Hawk Happenings

Family Edition

October 6, 2023

A Note from Mr. Brooks

I can't believe we have turned the calendar to October and our first month of school is finished! Our students, teachers, and staff have worked very hard during this first month to establish routines, develop classroom rules, and work on various learning goals. Please take time to review your child's progress report and contact the teacher with any questions.



Consistency Leads to Success

Many children thrive on consistent and predictable routines. Like at school, these routines at home are extremely important. A few examples of these routines include checking your child's green folder daily, making time for homework, reading, or a board game, and having a consistent bedtime each night. Also, it is a great idea to put electronics away at least an hour before bed—this helps the brain unwind and settle down. A strong morning routine is also important, packing bookbags as much as possible the night before is helpful before meeting the bus or doing drop off.

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A few reminders about safety

- Morning drop-off is between 7:30–8:00 and breakfast is served during this time. Students should not arrive before 7:30.
- Afternoon dismissal is at 2:25. No one should be waiting on the grounds before 2:00.
- The building is locked daily, and you will need to use the call system to check in with the office.
- All bus notes must include the date, student first/last name, destination, address of the destination, and parent/guardian signature.
- Please avoid calling the office with after school plan changes after 1:00.



Special Presentation

On Friday, October 13, all MSAD #37 elementary students and staff will travel to DW Merritt in Addison for a presentation called “Stand Up, Speak Out, Be an Upstander” by Jason Tardy. Students will leave HES around 8:30 am and then return by 10:30. Because this is an in-district trip, we do not require permission slips. We look forward to a great presentation with comedy and tools to make a positive difference in bullying situations.

Library

Classes visit our school library on Wednesdays. Please help take good care of the books and return them each week. Your child may renew it or choose a different one.



Dress Code Reminder

As of October 9, students are not to wear shorts until after April Vacation. Students should bring appropriate clothing for outside weather as we always try to get outside whenever possible. Also, no hats or hoods should be worn in the building by students or visitors.



For Grades 3-6 Only

During the week of October 16-20, students in grades 3-6 will take the Maine Through the Year Assessment. This is a computerized state test in math and reading. Each test is designed to take approximately an hour. I encourage students to be well-rested, eat a good breakfast, and put their best effort forward for the assessments. If a student is absent, they will need to make up the test as soon as they return, which will result in the loss of additional instructional time.

For Grades 4-6 Only

A copy of your child's test results from the May 2023 (SP23) state assessments are attached. These results were very late getting to schools; therefore, they are late getting to you.



Upcoming Dates

- October 9: No School, Indigenous People's Day
- October 10: No School, Teacher Workshop Day
- October 11-12 No EdGE After-School
- October 11: Flu Clinic & Cross-Country Championship
- October 13: Upstander Presentation at DW Merritt at 9:00
- October 16: Student Council Food Drive Starts!
- October 18: Parent Teacher Support Group Meeting, 6:00
- October 19: Spirit Gear Orders Due
- October 20: Wear Pink to Support Breast Cancer, bring \$1.00 for a donation!
- October 24: Student Council Flag Waving
- October 25: School Board Meeting, 7:00 at DW Merritt
- October 27: Fire Prevention Day, Firefighters will visit!
- October 31: Trunk or Treat during school hours, students may wear appropriate costumes, Early Release 11:30 for Teacher/Staff Workshop
- November 3: Quarter 1 Grades Close
- November 10: No School, Veteran's Day
- November 16: Parent/Teacher Conferences/Early Release 11:30
- November 17: Early Release
- November 22: Quarter 1 Awards Assembly & Early Release
- November 23-24: No School, Thanksgiving Break
- November 29: School Board Meeting
- November 30: Prevention is Key Dental Clinic- permission slips will be sent at a later date.