



Hawk Happenings

Family Edition

November 15, 2023

A Note from Mr. Brooks, Principal

We have finished the first quarter of the school year and what a productive time it has been! As we approach the holiday season, please know how thankful I am to work at such an amazing school with wonderful students, supportive parents/families, and an outstanding staff that goes above and beyond each day. The holidays are a time for family traditions and building wonderful memories. As you work in all of these wonderful holiday activities, please maintain a good routine for school and a consistent bedtime. I wish you a wonderful holiday season!



Cold Weather Has Arrived

We always know the cold is coming, but it doesn't seem to make dealing with it any easier! As the cold weather is upon us, please make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat, and mittens each day. We will go outside whenever the weather permits. As we approach the season of needing boots, please make sure your child has a change of shoes. If you need any assistance with these items, please contact the office.

A Few Reminders About Safety

- Morning drop-off is between 7:30–8:00. Students should not arrive before 7:30.
- Afternoon dismissal is at 2:25. No one should be waiting on the grounds before 2:00.



Important Dates

- November 16: Parent/Teacher Conferences/Early Release 11:30
- November 17: Early Release
- November 20: Picture Re-takes & PTSG Fruit Fundraiser Starts!
- November 22: Quarter 1 Awards Assembly at 10:00 & Early Release at 11:30
- November 23–24: No School, Thanksgiving Break
- November 29: School Board Meeting
- November 30: Prevention is Key Dental Clinic
- Week of December 4: Book Fair!
- December 8: PTSG Fruit Fundraiser Due (online)
- December 15: PTSG Craft Day
- December 18: PTSG Annual Christmas Sale
- December 19: Christmas Concert at 6:00
- December 20: Ugly Sweater Day, Classroom Christmas Parties in the afternoon & School Board Meeting
- December 21–January 1: Christmas Vacation
- January 2: Return to School!



Supporting our Student-Athletes



Basketball season was one of many highlights from my elementary and junior high school days. I always loved school, but basketball was another thing that brought everyone together. My cousins and I would play. My mother, aunt, grandmother, and family friends would sell concessions and come in to watch as they could between sales. One of my uncles ran the score clock and another uncle was one of my coaches. The other coach became an honorary uncle to the team because of how incredible he was with all of us!

Today, I can't tell you how many points I scored (not many) or how many games we won, but I can share with you my fond memories and the warm feelings I have of thinking of the gyms packed with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and friends. As players, we counted on these faces in the crowd to cheer us on! We learned a lot, worked hard, and looked forward to every practice and game. Not only did we learn foundational skills in basketball, but we learned a great deal about teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. What an amazingly supportive and caring environment.

As the junior high school basketball season is upon us, let's provide this great atmosphere to our student-athletes! Let the coaches coach their teams and let the referees help teach the game. You may not agree with every call, but please demonstrate good sportsmanship and trust that the referees are administering the rules of the game. Also, you don't have to volunteer to sell concessions at every game like my family, but helping when you have availability is appreciated! Research shows parent/family involvement in school leads to higher performance and school improvement. Let's make this a positive and fun basketball season!

Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Brooks, Principal/Head Hawk

Game admission this year will be \$3.00 for students, \$5.00 for adults, and \$10.00 for a family. These funds help pay for student activities and expenses.

Here are a few rules for students/spectators:

1. Spectators and students should remain seated on the bleachers (not the floor) or on the stage in a seat while the game is in progress.
2. No one shall leave the gym and then reenter. This means children should not go outside to play and then coming back in. There is NO smoking on school grounds.
3. Please dispose of all food and drink containers.
4. A basketball game is a school function therefore school rules do apply. Students that fail to abide by the rules may not be allowed to attend future basketball game. Spectators not displaying good sportsmanship will be asked to leave.