

November, 2017

HAWK TALK

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BECKY SORENSON, PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. 11/1: 5P fieldtrip to the Missoula Art Museum. 8:45-1:45

Wed. 11/1: PTA Meeting @ 6:30 in the library.

Thurs. & Fri. 11/2-11/3: Child Find Screening.

Fri. 11/3: End of 1st Trimester

Wed. 11/8: Picture Retakes

Thurs 11/9: Early Dismissal (1/2 day- conferences)

K-3rd dismissed at 11:05, 4th and 5th dismissed at 11:35.

Fri. 11/10: No School (parent teacher conferences)

Mon. 11/13: K-T Literacy Lunch

Tues. 11/14: Vision screening.

Wed. 11/15: K-M Literacy Lunch

Thurs. 11/16: K-F Literacy Lunch

Fri. 11/17: K-J Literacy Lunch

11/22-11/24: No School Thanksgiving Vacation

11/27: School Resumes

Do you want to make a huge impact on your kids Elementary school???
What about positively impacting ALL students at Hawthorne?!

If you answered yes to either of these **JOIN THE HAWTHORNE PTA!!!!**

The PTA is always looking for new faces, talents, and ideas! Through years of work we have been able to make Hawthorne a better place for all of our students.

If you are worried you don't have enough time to devote to make a positive change you are mistaken. Just signing up makes a huge difference, you can volunteer as much or as little as you like.

The Hawthorne PTA has been able to fund special activities and projects...

*All fieldtrips are funded for EVERY student EVERY YEAR.

*Our PTA has assisted growing our school garden into the treasure it is today!

*Playground equipment upgrades, refurbishing's, and improvements are supported by the PTA and all our students who assist in fundraising.





*Family engagement nights like math night, science night, health fairs are partially funded and organized by the PTA and our members.

*Classroom extras like Daily 5, and partnerships with The Missoula Writing Collaborative.

Keep an eye out for sign up flyers, stop by the PTA Bulletin board (right by the Hiberta doors) or stop by the FRC for more information.

2017 SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS!

November 1st thru 15th Hawthorne students will be collecting donations of new (preferably wool) socks. All the socks collected will be donated to local shelters. Give a little warmth this holiday season. You can turn your socks in starting November

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CAN THE CATS!

Help our 5th graders and the U of M help our community by collecting canned, non-perishable food items. Bring your donations in Nov. 13-16. This competition between longtime rivals is a great way to help our neighbors across Montana. GO GRIZ! CAN THE CATS!

Don't forget...

Breakfast, Lunch and snack are provided to all students at no cost!

Check the Lost and Found! All unclaimed items will be donated to the

TIPS FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

(Taken from Harvard Family Research Project)

- *Review your child's work and progress reports throughout the term. Ask them daily how school is going.
- *Talk with your child about his or her progress in school.
- *Talk with others—family members, after school staff, care givers, etc.—about your child's strengths and needs. We do our best to nurture and foster our students confidence, but we need your help as well!
- *Make a list of questions to ask during the conference. We are always interested in your concerns.
- *Think about ways you would like to be involved in your child's learning so that you can discuss them with the teacher. Parent involvement is proven to greatly impact student success.
- *Be on time and keep to the schedule. If you need additional time, make another appointment. Take notes, track progress, and let us know if you have any new questions or concerns as they arise.

Looking forward to the Holidays



Wow! Can you believe the Holidays are right around the corner?

We are excited to announce our Holiday concerts for the 2017 season!!!

12/19 1st and 2nd grades will perform at 1:30 pm

**12/20 4th and 5th grades will perform at 1 pm with a showcase
From our Band and Orchestra students directly after the general performance.**

12/21 Kindergarten and 3rd grade students will perform at 1pm.

We hope you can join us for our holiday concerts!

**A big thank you to our music instructor Brenda Griggs for all of her hard work and
dedication to our students!**

Please take a moment to review pedestrian safety with your child.

As the season changes we are getting ready to start our school day when it is still quite dark outside. We care about the safety of every Hawthorne student, and are asking all families to review safety guidelines with their children. If you bike to school ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HELMET, AND HAVE A LIGHT SO VEHICLES CAN SEE YOU!

If you provide transportation to and from school please make sure your student is looking both ways, and cautiously crossing the street. Remind them that "darting" out from between parked cars on Hiberta is dangerous. Roads will be snow covered and slick before we know it, please take your time on the road and be courteous and patient with other drivers.

STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN! SAFETY FIRST! THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

CHILD FIND SCREENING **November 2nd & 3rd**



Calling all younger siblings (ages birth to 5 years old!)

MCPS annually sponsors "Child Find" screening for developmental problems in speech and language, vision, hearing, coordination, social and intellectual development, and general progress. Screenings are FREE to children birth to age five residing within the MCPS Elementary District boundaries and will be held November 2-3, 2017. To learn more or to schedule a screening, please call Debbie Chilcote at (406)728-2400, ext. 5020.