

October, 2017

HAWK TALK

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BECKY SORENSON, PRINCIPAL



IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. 10/4: PTA Meeting at 6:30
in the Library.

10/5: Midterm grades for 3rd– 5th
sent home

10/6: Picture Day

Turner Farms Pumpkin Fest
10/7 from 12-6 & 10/8 from 12-5

10/10: Hearing re-screening

10/16: 2K & 2T Fieldtrip
(Peas farm, dress for weather)

10/17: 2C fieldtrip
(peas farm, dress for weather)

10/24: 4th grade Naturalist
field trip 8:45-1:30

10/31: Halloween parade at 2pm



TURNER FARMS PUMPKIN FEST

It's our annual celebration of the Pumpkin! 🎃 Help us kickoff Pumpkin season at Turner farm! Enjoy a day on the farm picking pumpkins, seeing animals, sipping fresh pressed apple cider, getting lots of cute pictures or even have photos taken by JamieLynn Photography.

Festival dates are Saturday, October 7th from 12p-6pm and Sunday, October 8th from 12-5pm!

Pumpkins, fresh veggies and other items are for sale but just to come is absolutely FREE!! Our 5th grade class has worked so hard since last spring planting and harvesting with the Turners. Please stop by and help support our school and agriculture education at Hawthorne! (Don't forget profits are split with Hawthorne to support extra projects, field trip funding and more!)

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR HAWTHORNE T-SHIRTS

Don't forget to order your new Hawthorne T-shirt from Garage Tees! Last day to order online is October 9th! You can check out all the options at <https://stores.inksoft.com/hawthorneelementary>

Funds raised will support the 1st grade team to purchase flexible seating for all 4 classrooms! If you have any questions feel free to stop by and talk to any first grade teacher and learn more about flexible seating.

You can still see the t shirt options for yourself down the main hall by the Gym, and more options are available to view online.

HALLOWEEN INFORMATION & COSTUME CODE

We love to celebrate at Hawthorne, however we need to remind ourselves of what is and is not appropriate for school.

We encourage kids to dress up in their costume to parade through the gym for friends and family before the classroom parties. But there are a few things to keep in mind...

Costumes should not be scary, offensive, or violent. We do not allow students to carry any weapons of any kind, even if they are a prop. Please leave them at home!

Please do not wear your costume to school as it may be a distraction. Pack your costume to change in to at school, each class will have time to change.

If you want to help with a classroom party please contact the teacher directly.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, have a safe and



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



SMARTER BALANCE TESTING (4th and 5th grade)

Each year, MCPS administers the Smarter Balanced assessment in English Language Arts and Math to all third through eighth grade students. We use this test to help us know whether students are on the path to academic success to graduating high school as well as prepare for college and the workplace. We will be providing you with student scores during your parent teacher conference in November.

These scores reference the test taken in the spring of 2017.

The assessment is a computerized adapted test that was developed with input from K-12 teachers, higher education faculty, and other experts. Key components to each test are below.

English Language Arts

- Asks students to read more complex fiction and non-fiction texts and use evidence from these texts to answer questions, make inferences and present persuasive arguments.
- Emphasizes literacy and writing across all subjects, not just English.

Math

- Goes beyond multiple-choice questions and presents students with multi-step problems, conceptual questions and real-world applications.
- Asks students to not only get answers correct, but explain how they arrived at those answers.
- Covers fewer topics in greater depth, focusing on the most critical areas.

This is one measure among several used to determine whether MCPS students are meeting the content standards. Results are also used to assist teachers and administrators in curriculum and instruction development and planning.

Family cooking classes with EFNEP!

It's not too late to sign up and get cooking with your kid(s) at Hawthorne. Julia Goar and EFNEP are back in the evenings at

Hawthorne to get families cooking and learning about nutrition! Classes will run from October 4th Thru December 6th at 6:15 pm in Ms. Weber's room.

These classes are a great opportunity to learn, bond, create and eat with your family. Each class will earn participants cool kitchen gadgets, and all families who successfully finish the course will receive a crock pot!

If you are interested please stop by the FRC and speak with Lilah, or you can contact Julia at 406-258-4207.

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW FLAGSHIP COORDINATOR, MR. SAM!!!

Sam Garetson has been working like crazy to get the Flagship programs up and running at Hawthorne this past month. If you haven't had a chance to meet Sam yet please stop by the FRC / Flagship office and introduce yourself. We are very excited to have Sam joining the Hawthorne team, and look forward to an amazing year of after school programming.

Want to volunteer in the classroom or for field trips????

We love parent and grandparent volunteers, and would love to have you join us!

Don't forget we need to have all adults fill out a volunteer form and a background check. These are good for Two years. Stop by the FRC or the front desk to get paperwork— or sign up online at <http://mcpsvolunteers.com/portal/>