

The Hawthorne Highlight September, 2015

A monthly publication from Hawthorne Elementary School
Home of Strong Minds and Gentle Hearts

Welcome back to another GREAT year at Hawthorne! It is wonderful to have all of the children back at school. And a special welcome to our new students and kindergartners! Please come by, volunteer time in classes or join your child for lunch occasionally.

And, as always, please keep all avenues of communication open, clear and frequently used! Together we are a team, and our focus is the safety, growth and education of all Hawthorne students. Feel free to contact me also, whenever you have a question, concern or compliment.

Thank you for your on-going support of Hawthorne Elementary School!

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Welcome to our new staff!
Kelly Hall – Speech Therapist

Student Absence

If your child will be tardy or absent from school, please call the school office at 324-1370 before 8:45 A.M. If we do not receive a phone call from you, Montana State Law requires that we attempt to contact you or your emergency contact to verify the absence. We are committed to your child's safety and welfare, and appreciate your phone calls.

If your child is a regular bus rider, please notify the office **early in the day** if he/she will not be riding the bus home on a particular day.

Medication Policy

Please review the medication policy in the Elementary Handbook. Children are not allowed to take medication (including non-prescription medication) without written statements from your family physician. OTC cough drops must be kept in the school office and dispensed by

school staff. If you have questions, or if your child uses an inhaler, please contact Mrs. Boutilier, our school nurse at kboutilier@helenaschools.org.

Thank you for
remembering 230
dismissal each Monday!

Student Cell Phones must remain in backpacks or lockers in the 'off' mode during the school day.



12th Annual Carnival Classic

The Helena Education Foundation's annual Carnival Classic 2015 will take place in Memorial Park on Sunday, September 13th, from 11am to 4pm, as children and families enjoy their favorite carnival activities throughout the park. All of the Helena elementary schools and middle schools, many of the high school clubs and sports teams, plus Montana City and East Helena schools, sponsor dozens of booths. Entertainment will take place continuously on the band shell stage. Watch the IR and the HEF website www.hef.org for details; or contact HEF at hef@mt.net or (406) 443-2545 for more information.

Driving and Student Drop-off

Please help alleviate congestion around the school at drop-off and dismissal times, and improve safety for your children, by parking further away from the school on Harrison or Holter and walking the short distance to Hawthorne. **Please also notice the bus zone on Harrison.**

It is important to keep this zone open and free from parked or waiting vehicles. Remind children to use the crosswalk when coming from or going to vehicles – **please, please** do not wave them across the middle of the busy street!

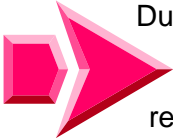


NO Private Party Invitations - PLEASE

Please remember that invitations to student birthday parties can be passed out at school **ONLY if all students in your child's classroom** are invited. Too many hurt feelings result if some are excluded. If you are inviting only a few, please mail the invitations or deliver them at another place and time. Thank you!



Emergency Drills

 During September and October, we will have several emergency drills (fire, earthquake, lock-down and re-enter the building). These drills will then occur less frequently throughout the year. Please help us by explaining the need for these drills to your children and talking about safety and following adult directions. Thank you!

Fabulous Firsts

Special thanks to the Helena Education Foundation for sponsoring the annual 'Fabulous Firsts' celebration.



During September all district first graders will receive a new, hardbound book celebrating "First Books for First Graders for a Lifetime of Reading". The Hawthorne celebration is Thursday, September 10th at 230 in the gym.

First Parent Council meeting – Wednesday, September 9th, NOON in the Hawthorne music room

Important information about our cookie dough fundraiser!

Please remember Parent Council's annual fundraiser. Look for the Elliott order forms coming home with your children in



September. This is a local Montana company. Proceeds from this fundraiser help support our Artist in Residence program, technology purchases, playground upgrades and library and classroom support. Look for more information coming home soon. Thank you for supporting our students and school!



Welcome back to **The Labels for Education™** program. It is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our school. With your help, Hawthorne Elementary

can make this year the best ever! Participating in the program is easy — simply **save proofs of purchase, UPCs (not soup labels)** from participating Campbell products and send them to our school

Welcome to Hawthorne School – home of the Hawks!

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