

# Hoose Hawks – Family Newsletter

October 15, 2021

Hello Hoose Hawk families. I hope you have a great weekend. Here are some pieces of information that are important for you to know.

**Calendar Additions** – Please add the events/dates below:

- 10/19 - Dine to Donate @ Chipotle (please see the Infinite Campus message sent 10/14/21)
- 10/21 - Progress Reports coming home backpack express
- 10/22 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/25 - PTO Meeting (link below in the newsletter)
- 10/27 - Late Start Day
- 10/29 - PTO Trunk or Treat (4-6 pm)
- 11/10 - Late Start Day

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Parents, if you have not done so already, please contact your child's teacher and sign up for a parent/teacher conference. This year, conferences can be virtual (Zoom or Google Meet) or in person. Conferences are scheduled for October 22nd.

**IAR Reports (grades 4 and 5)** - IAR testing reports will be coming home with most of our 4th and 5th grade students. Students who were in-person last year, and a small number of remote students (from last year) participated in IAR testing. The individual student reports will be coming home backpack express in the coming days. If your child was not attending in-person, they will likely not have a report coming home.

**YWCA and Unit 5 Erin's Law (Abuse Prevention)** - At Hoose, during the week of November 15th, Unit 5 is once again teaming up with the YWCA to provide students with Abuse Prevention Education for students in all grade levels (this program is provided district-wide). More information will be sent home the week before our scheduled week in November.

**Reporting Absences** - We would like to first say thank you for helping us keep our Hoose Hawks safe through mask wearing, hand washing, and keeping students home if they have any symptoms. If your child does have symptoms, please be sure to call the Main Office (557-4414) to report the absence. Our School Nurse may follow up with families to help determine the best course of action. Thank you. ***Did you know*** – a child with attendance issues is more likely to have a growing achievement gap as compared to those students who attend school regularly? In fact, as the student with attendance issues continues to get older and attendance issues continue, the gap grows significantly larger the older that they get.

**Masks** - Masks are required for all students, staff, visitors, parents, volunteers, and anyone entering the building - including outside organizations that may use the buildings on the

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weekend. Our students have done a tremendous job so far with mask wearing and we appreciate your support as we do everything we can to keep our kids safe and in school.

**Attendance** - Attendance is one of the most important components of student achievement. Please remember that learning begins at 7:45 each morning. Students arriving after 7:45 may be marked tardy. We appreciate your help as we get students back into the in-person routines of school.

**Picture Retake Day** - October 26th will be our Hoose Hawk Picture Day. Please be sure to mark your calendars. There will be a picture retake/make-up day in October as well.

**PTO Meeting** – The next Hoose PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 25th starting at 6:00 pm in the IMC or virtually (we will be offering both options). [Oct 25 PTO Mtg Link](#)

**Late Start Dates** – Our next late start date is approaching. Please mark the following date on your calendars: Wednesday, October 27th. On late start days, school starts one hour later at **8:45 am**. PLC teams begin meeting at 7:15 am. Please be sure to use the PLC Recording Document as this will be submitted in December and May for CPDUs for the teams.

**Hoose-n-Anny** - A HUGE THANK YOU to our PTO and parent volunteers! Hoose-n-anny was great and the students had a blast! It was great to be able to host this event once again. Thank you!

**Pick-up and Drop-off** – Pick-up and drop-off of students can take place in two areas around Hoose. The Circle drive near the Main Office on the North end of the building and the large parking lot on the south end of the building are available for families.

- Circle Drive – For AM drop-off, please be sure to proceed slowly through the circle drive for the safety of all of our students and staff. There are visitor parking spots if parents need to park, please use these instead of parking in the drive. **Once you have entered the circle drive, please pull up to the curb (do not drop off in the drive lane) and have your child exit the vehicle on the sidewalk side.**
- Circle Drive – For PM pick-up, the circle drive will be open for parents to pick up their student(s) at 2:15. We do have a few specialized transports that pick up and depart between 1:55-2:15. **Please wait until 2:15 to pull into the circle drive** so we can get our buses in and out of the drive as quickly as possible. **Once you have entered the circle drive, please pull up to the curb (do not pick up in the drive lane) and have your child enter the vehicle on the sidewalk side.**

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- *South Parking Lot* – The south parking lot is available for pick-up and drop-off at all times before and after school. Our large transport buses do drop-off and pick-up in the driveway nearest the building on the south end of the building near the flagpole. Please park your vehicle in the middle of the parking lot near the basketball hoops.

**Hoose Website** - We will continuously update our website throughout the year and add important and pertinent information for our families to use. We also want the website to be a resource and help make connections to the community. The site will be ever-developing, but please use it to help plan referencing our calendar, look for new items added, volunteer requirements, etc.

Thanks Hoose!