

Hoose Hawks – Faculty Newsletter

Aug 23, 2021

Hello Hoose Hawk families. I hope you had a great weekend. We are all working so hard, together, for our students. We have gotten off to a great start. Here are some pieces of information that are important for you to know.

Calendar Additions – Please add the events/dates below:

- 8/26 - Quick Fire Drill
- 8/26 - Severe Weather Drill
- 8/26 - Bus Evacuation Drill (signup next week)
- 8/30 - Fire Drill
- 8/30 - 6:00 pm PTO Meeting - Virtual Link: [8/30/21 Virtual PTO Link](#)
- 9/6 - No School - Labor Day Holiday
- 9/15 - Late Start Day - Classes begin at 8:45 am
- 9/21 - Picture Day
- 9/24 - Teachers Institute Day - No Student Attendance
- 9/29 - Late Start Day - Classes begin at 8:45 am
- 10/8 - Safe and Secure Lockdown Drill
- 10/8 - (PM/Afternoon) Hoose-n-anny!

Safety Drills - You may notice from the calendar additions above that we have many safety drills. Each year, the State of Illinois requires all schools to conduct 3 evacuation/fire drills, a safe and secure lockdown drill, a bus evacuation drill, and a severe weather drill. These drills are for us to practice and for learning. Please know our staff is extremely patient as we learn these procedures together.

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 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 in to the in-person routines of school.

Picture Day - September 21st 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.

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PTO Meeting – The next Hoose PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 30th starting at 6:00 pm in the IMC or virtually (we will be offering both options). [8/30/21 Virtual PTO Link](#)

Late Start Dates – Our next late start date is approaching. Please mark the following date on your calendars: Wednesday, September 15th. 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 - On October 8th, in the afternoon, our PTO hosts a Fall Festival of games and fun for our students called Hoose-n-Anny. Each student is asked to wear Western wear (cowboy/cowgirl) attire. The games and fun activities will be adult led, outdoors. Be sure to be on the lookout for PTO volunteer opportunities related to Hoose-n-Anny over the next few weeks.

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.

Curriculum Nights - Curriculum Nights will be established for dates and times in the coming weeks. Additional information will follow in the near future.

New Staff - It is my great pleasure to introduce our learning community to our new staff members this year. Mrs. Sharon Collins, Assistant Principal; Ms. Emma Wallace, 4th Grade; Ms. Alexis Pavlou, 5th Grade; Mrs. Kendra Muganzi, ELL Instructor. We are so lucky to have them joining us and working with our students.

Final Thought - We are off to a great start. Our staff was so excited to see all of our Hoose Hawks returning to in-person learning. It is so important to let us know if your child is not feeling well, or has any symptoms of COVID. Our School Nurse can serve as a resource for you and your family should this arise. If your child is feeling ill, or has any symptoms of COVID, please keep them home and contact Mrs. Blemler, our School Nurse. We are happy to help.

Thanks Hoose!

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