

Hoose Hawk Family Newsletter

November 20, 2020

Hello Hoose Hawk Families.

Calendar Additions – Please add the events/dates below:

- 11/25-11/29 - Thanksgiving Break: No School
- 11/30 - Remote Classes for ALL students resume
- 11/30 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm (virtual meeting)
- 12/9 - Late Start Day
- 12/9 - (TENTATIVE) Hoose Remote Student Fall Picture Day 8:00am-4:00pm (North Gym)
- 12/18 - Last School Day Before Winter Break
- 12/19-1/3/2021 - Winter Break: No School
- 1/4/2021 - Teacher Institute Day
- 1/5/2021 - School/Classes resume

Thank you! – We would like to take a moment and thank our parents, students, families, and our staff for all of the hard work and dedication in these tumultuous times. Together, we have rolled with the punches and adapted to whatever has come our way. We know that our families are stretched while wearing hats as parents, employees, and helping your student while working remotely. We have seen our Hoose Hawk families step up to the challenges that we are experiencing and our students are still doing amazing things. Thank you.

Return to Remote Learning – On Thursday and Friday this week, we officially returned to remote learning for all students across Unit 5. A great deal more information will be coming over the next few weeks related to next steps and we are hoping to have a return to in-person learning as soon as possible.

Please remember to have your child logon each day during remote learning and participate in group activities. While we cannot be in attendance in-person, attendance for our remote learning is essential for our students. We thank you for all that you are doing to support your children and our school!

Netiquette - A quick reminder, as we return to remote learning, please remember that our students will be using video cameras and microphones while participating in online learning activities. The cameras and microphones will pick up background noises and activity. Thank you.

Staying Connected - During this Pause of In-person learning please remember to continue to report any close contact exposure or positive cases in your family to the nurse or front office . We will continue to track cases for the school district numbers and community. This is VERY Important for our return to in person learning. Please contact your nurse with any questions. For more COVID-19 information please visit <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/>

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Free Breakfast and Lunch Bus Delivery Schedule Through the End of 2020 - Unit 5 has offered free breakfast and lunch bags throughout this semester, over the summer, and during the pandemic during last school year. We will continue to do so going forward as well. Unit 5 has a bus that delivers bags to specific locations for families to come and pick up what they may need. This is FREE and AVAILABLE TO ALL, regardless of income or need, so please use this if you feel your family would benefit from this service. ***Hoose has a bus arriving on Wednesdays from 11:37-11:52 am.*** The dates below list when the bus will be at Hoose for families to pick up these meals (five days worth of breakfast and lunch).

This is the plan for deliveries for the remainder of 2020:

- Monday, November 23rd
- Wednesday, December 2nd
- Wednesday, December 9th
- Wednesday, December 16th

WESLEY DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY - FREE HOUSEHOLD PAPER PRODUCTS

This Saturday, November 21st 9 to 11:30 AM, WESLEY WEST, 413 E. WASHINGTON ST. DRIVE-THRU AND WALK-UP SERVICE (ENTER OFF FRONT STREET)

Please stay in your car.

Wesley United Methodist Church offers anyone in need diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue, feminine hygiene products, and adult diapers at no cost, as long as the supply lasts. Tinervin Foundation gives away food boxes on a first come, first serve basis.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Rescheduled – P/T conferences were originally scheduled for October 23rd, but have now rescheduled these for January 22nd.

PTO/Teacher Wishlist – We have added this information to our building website as well. Our PTO has teamed with our staff to provide wishlist information for learning supports that would benefit our learners in the classroom. Thank you, and here is the link:

[Teacher Wishlists](#)

Other News:

PTO Facebook - Colene Hoose PTO has a Facebook page! Please follow the link below and like our page. It is a great way to be better plugged in. The Facebook page has photos and updates on events, classroom needs as well as other opportunities to help out. The PTO will continue to evolve the site to maximize the usefulness to all the parents. Please feel free to add feedback on how we can better communicate with you by emailing us at colenehoosepto@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/colenehoosepto>

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Self-Certification – Unit 5 parents must complete a screening/certification process for your children every day they come to school for in-person learning. The screening includes a check of symptoms and also asks about contact with those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Unit 5 has a self-certification app to help with the process. You can download the app, called UNIT 5 SAFE, at the Apple or Google store. Here is a [LINK](#) to download the app. If you do not want to download the app you can use this [WEBLINK](#) to self certify your student. Here is a [VIDEO](#) to demonstrate the app. The app is available in both Spanish and French.

NOTE: You must use your student's legal name listed in Infinite Campus. Ex: A student might go by Jake, but of his legal name is Jacob, that will be the only name our app recognizes. Parents will need to complete a separate form for each student and please do so at least 30 minutes prior to the start of school. Students who have not been certified will be pulled from classes until they can be screened by an administrator.

Thanks for your help with this! The more students who are certified, the fewer students we have to call out of class to complete it at school.