

Hoose Hawks Family Newsletter

April 23, 2021

Hello Hoose Hawk Families.

Peanut Butter Drive - Our 2nd annual peanut butter drive is underway and we have over 150 jars already! We hope to collect as many jars as last year and maybe a few more, so the goal is 250 jars. This past year has been hard for many people, and this is a simple but great way to help. Peanut butter is inexpensive and a good source of protein and lots of people like it. Everyone at Hoose can help out! Teachers, students, and staff too. We can make this a whole school project. Even if you are learning remotely you can still drop off some peanut butter to the office. We will collect peanut butter until May 27th, the last day of school. I hope that everyone will be able to help with this service project. Together we can do anything!

Congratulations - Congratulations to Srihit for competing and qualifying for a certificate and trophy in a Math Bee. Srihit competed and qualified for a national competition!

Yearbook Update - Due to extreme delays with our photography company, yearbooks are not available to be produced at this time. We are looking at other options, but at this time, yearbooks are not anticipated to be produced or finished for this school year. If this changes, we will most certainly keep everyone posted.

Fire Drills - Each year, schools are asked to conduct three fire drills to practice. We have completed one and will have two more in May.

Registration - Registration is now open for next School Year (21-22) *including Kindergarten Registration*. [Infinite Campus Returning Student Registration Directions](#)

Incoming Kindergarten student information can be found on the [Kindergarten Registration](#) page. Current Unit 5 student information can be found at this link - [Established Student Registration](#). This link is for families that had a student registered with Unit 5 for the 2020-2021 school year as well some new High School students who may have already completed online registration and have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal account. Log in to [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#), go to "More" on the left hand side of the page, and click on "Online Registration." For a help sheet please click here: [Returning Student Online Registration Help](#)

New students to the district registration information can be found with this link - [New Student Registration](#)

There are no fees due at this time for any students. Fees will be available to pay after July 1, and additional information will be made available closer to that time. If you have questions please contact our Main Office at Hoose. If necessary, please leave a message on the main phone line.

Last Day for 20/21 School Year - Please mark your calendar, the last day (barring no emergency days) for school this year is May 27th. More information and details will be shared in the coming weeks.

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Health and Wellness - If your student is experiencing any symptoms of COVID/illness, please keep them home. We encourage you to contact our school Nurse, Mrs. Blemler, with questions related to your child's health. We appreciate your care. Keeping your child home if they are ill keeps them, and all of our Hoose Hawks safe. Thank you!

Masks - Mask wearing is required for in-person learning. Students will be wearing masks while in the classrooms, while walking in the hallways, and on buses. Please help us out by sharing the importance of wearing masks to help prevent illness. Thank you for your help!

Arrival - Buses are running routes. Pickup times are listed in Infinite Campus. Walkers and car riders - please plan on dropping students off/arriving at **7:40 or later** (between 7:40 and 8:00 am). Students arriving during this window will not be marked Tardy. Arriving at this time window will allow fewer students to be passing in the hallways. Parents dropping off - please help our flow of traffic by having your child exit on the passenger side of the vehicle to the sidewalk. Additionally, your child can exit your vehicle and walk to the entrance anywhere along the sidewalk area instead of waiting to arrive at the front door - this will allow our traffic during drop off to move smoothly. Finally, please do not park or stop cars in front of the tall orange cones. We appreciate your help with this each morning!

Dismissal - Buses will be running routes home as well. Drop off times and locations will be listed in Infinite Campus soon. Walkers and car riders will begin to dismiss at 2:05 pm to help reduce hallway congestion. Please be sure to coordinate a location with your child to meet up. If you are picking up your child in your car, there are two locations for this. First - the blacktop area on the Southwest Side of Hoose by the Orange and Black playground (off of Grandview Dr.). This is the only place where parents could park and exit their cars. ***Second - the Main Office Drive off of Vernon Street. This driveway is pickup only. We ask parents to not exit their cars.*** Students will walk to parent cars and depart. Please park in the lower lot closest to Vernon Street if you must exit your car. Cars in the circle drive need to continue moving forward to help with the flow of traffic in the drive and on Vernon (thank you for your help with this). We also request that parents pull up to the curb, please do not park in front of the large orange cones, and exit on to Vernon Street turning right out of the driveway to help with the flow of traffic.

Hand washing and sanitizer - Each of our classrooms has scheduled times for hand washing before and after lunch. Hand sanitizer will also be available for student use throughout the day. Our custodial staff will wipe down surfaces throughout the day without interrupting instructional time including high touch areas such as door handles and light switches.

Self-Certification - Parents/families will be responsible for certifying their child(ren) daily. Please certify your student before 7:30 each morning. A reminder email will be sent each day for families through Infinite Campus. The app will generate reports allowing our front office to

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see who has and has not self-certified. Students who are not self-certified while in-person will be asked to come to the office and the Main Office will contact families to certify that the student is or is not experiencing any symptoms of COVID. 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.

Emergency Medicines - If your child has any emergency medicines such as an asthma inhaler or epipen, please send that with your child on their first in-person attendance day in their backpack and have them deliver it to the School Nurse - Christa Blemler. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Blemler, she is happy to help.

Water Bottles - Students can bring individual water bottles. Our building has multiple bottle filler water fountains that students can use to refill their water as needed.

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar:

- 4/26 - PTO Meeting at 6:00 pm - [4/26/21 PTO Meeting Link](#)
- 5/5 - Late Start Day
- 5/9 - Mothers Day
- 5/24 - PTO Meeting
- 5/27 - Last Day of School - 10:45 dismissal

Netiquette - A quick reminder, 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. Additionally, our devices also have our filters and protections running at all times. Thank you.

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

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