

Hoose Hawk Family Newsletter

September 1, 2020

Hello Hoose Hawk Families.

Calendar Additions – Please add the events/dates below:

- 8/31 – PTO Meeting (Remote) @ 6:00 pm
- 9/7 – Labor Day Holiday – No School
- 9/16 – Late Start Day – learning begins at 8:45
- 9/25 – Institute Day – No School for Students
- 9/28 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm (remote meeting)
- 9/30 – Late Start Day – learning begins at 8:45

Thank you! – On behalf of our staff, thank you to our PTO for the snacks on Friday! We truly appreciate your support and encouragement.

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. Not all classrooms have a list at this time, but more will be added as they come in. Thank you, and here is the link:

[Teacher Wishlists](#)

Kickoff – We have done something historic; we started a year off successfully using remote instruction. This is something that we did get some experience with last year, but never has a school year been kicked off like this before. While there have been some hurdles, and I am certain there will be more, we will keep working on finding the solutions. Our staff has put in countless hours getting ready and a huge thank you to our students and families. This has been a huge adjustment for everyone, not just in Unit 5, but globally. We are learning a great deal and will continue to do so as we move forward into this school year.

Picture Day Postponed – We have postponed school picture day which was scheduled in late September. We will revisit this once we have a decision on what will happen after the first quarter in October.

Sound Baffolds and South Gym – Our south gym painting and sound baffolds project has been completed. The gym looks fantastic and we can't wait for all of our students to return to see the building improvements. Thank you for your help and support with this!

Technology Update – As we work, learn, and problem-solve our technology use for remote learning, please know we will do our best to help and support your student's needs. The Technology department has ordered chromebook tablets for all K, 1st, and 2nd grade students.

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We are waiting for those to arrive from the manufacturer. The anticipated arrival is late September to early October.

For Tech support needs, our Main Office and IMC may be able to help with problem-solving some of the quicker, easier fixes that accompany tech and device use such as logging in and device navigation. For bigger issues such as hardware (for district issued devices) and connectivity, please communicate these needs using: remoteissues-PK-5@unit5.org

This information was sent out over the weekend as well: We appreciate everyone's continued patience and flexibility as we navigate the new waters of remote learning with one to one devices. To allow additional support for our families and teachers, starting Monday, August 31st our IMC specialists will temporarily stop meeting with their elementary classes. Instead, they will be supporting parents, students and classroom teachers with their technology and software application needs. To access support, please call the main office of your student's assigned school. Your needs will be reviewed and then either routed to the IMC teacher or Unit 5 Technology remoteissues-PK-5@unit5.org. This process will remain in place through at least the first half of September. Needs will be reevaluated at this time and we will look for our IMC teachers to return to class instruction as soon as possible.

Staff Update – Our teachers and staff are doing a wonderful job connecting and communicating with students and families. As this is new for everyone, there are bumps in the road that we will all experience. If you or your family does call or email, we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible. With that in mind, please know that our staff may respond within 24 hours to the best of their ability depending upon demands or work, home, and family life.

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>

PTO Meeting – The next Hoose PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28th starting at 6:00 pm (Remotely).