Hawk Herald

Colene Hoose Bird's Eye View

AUGUST, 2025 | BACK TO SCHOOL

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MS. TENUTA

Dear Hoose Hawk Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. We are so excited to welcome our students back into the building for another great year of learning. Each month you will receive the Hawk Herald through an Infinite Campus email full of information for the coming month. In this Back to School edition, you will find all the information you need to get ready for the 2025-2026 school year! My goal is to always communicate with you all in an effective and timely manner. Any updates or happenings throughout the school day that you need to know between these publications will be sent out through email via Infinite Campus or phone message through your Infinite Campus main contact number. Always feel free to reach out if there is anything you need throughout the school year!

The staff will be working together on our August 18th-20th Institute day to plan our school improvement goals and get ready for a great school year. We strive to meet our mission with our work here at Hoose:

We are HOOSE! Community, our pride; learning, our purpose; integrity, our pledge!

Thank you for your partnership!

Looking forward to a great 2025-2026 School Year! ~ Gina Tenuta

IMPORTANT DATES

August 15th
Class assignment in Infinite Campus after 4pm

August 21st
1st day of School (Full Day)

August 27th
Picture Day

September 1st
Labor Day-NO SCHOOL

September 2nd
1st Day of 5th Grade Band & Orchestra

September 9th
10:45 Dismissal

2025-26 UNIT 5 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Hoose PTO

Mark your Calendars!! Join us for our first PTO meeting of the year!

We are looking forward to meeting you on *Monday, August 25th at 6 pm*.

We look forward to meeting all of our new Hoose Hawk Families!!

Lunch & Recess Times

Grade	Lunch	Recess
K	11:00-11:25	10:35-11:00
1st	11:30-11:55	11:05-11:30
2nd	12:00-12:25	11:35-12:00
3rd	12:00-12:25	11:35-12:00
4th	11:00-11:25	10:35-11:00
5th	11:30-11:55	11:05-11:30

COLENE HOOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
600 Grandview Dr. Normal, IL 61761

Office Hours: 7:15am-3:00pm

Main Office: 309-557-4414
Attendance Line: 309-557-4463

*Please call the attendance line before 8:00a.m. if your child is absent, late, or needs to leave early.

School Security Procedures

All individuals must ring the bell to the right of the front door and sign in to the front office. When you come to visit Hoose for any reason, you will need to bring your driver's license. You will scan your license and a visitor badge will be printed out for you to wear while in the building. Please do not hold door open for others, even if they are a familiar face to you.

Thank you for your help in keeping Hoose a safe learning environment!

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of all students, please plan on following our drop-off and pick-up procedures. Thank you for working together to make sure all of our Hawks are safe!

- **K-5th pick-up and drop-off will be in the back lanes off of Grandview Ave.**
- ONLY SS2 and BEST students can use the front drop off lane off of Vernon Ave. **Only cars with front drop off passes can use the Vernon Ave. Drop off lane**



K-5th Morning Drop-Off
Two Drop-off lanes off of Grandview Drive

- Drop-off starts at 7:25am and ends at 7:45am
- Please do not pass cars in the lane. Stay in one line even after you have dropped your student off.
- For morning drop-off you can use blacktop drop-off or flag pole lane drop-off
- Pull all the way forward to get as many cars in the drop off section as possible.
- Once you get to the curb, please have your child ready to quickly get out of the car.
- Students should get out on the curb side only.
- Parents-Please stay in your cars as we need to keep the line moving.
- NO parking in the back of the school. If you would like to walk your child up, please park on Grandview Ave.
- Walkers can continue to use the entrance off of Vernon Ave. but are encouraged to use the Grandview Drive Entrance.
- **If you arrive after 7:45, please use the front entrance off of Vernon Ave. You will need to come into the office to sign your child in.**

Afternoon Pick-Up
Two Pick-up lanes off of Grandview Drive

- Kindergarten pick-up starts at 2:25 and 1st-5th Grade pick-up starts at 2:30
- **Families with the last name starting with A-L use pick up lane #1 (1st Turn)**
- **Families with the last name starting with M-Z use pick up lane #2 (2nd Turn)**
- Parents need to stay in their car and wait in the car line, we need to ensure that the line keeps moving.
- Students will be waiting by grade level outside and watching for parents.
- You will get a name tag to place in your front window the first week of school which will allow us to have your child ready for you as soon as you pull up.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURES



Morning Drop-Off you can use both lanes!

PM PICK-UP:

Lane #1: Last Name A-L

Lane #2: Last Name M-Z

Vernon Ave. Entrance



If you must park OR go to the front office, you need to park in the limited parking lot.

If you walk up to our school, please use the side walk to walk up to the school for parent pick up off of Grandview Drive. ONLY BEST AND SS2 families can drive up off of VERNON AVE.

Thank you all for your patience as we work through all of our procedures to make sure all of our Hawks are safe! Parents need to stay in their car and wait in the car lane as we need to keep the lane moving. If you walk up to our school for pick up I ask you use the sidewalks off of Grandview Drive. Students will be waiting by grade level outside and watching for parents. I will be out in the pick-up & drop-off lane daily. Please be sure to say, "hi!" Thank you for helping me make sure all students get home safely!

~Ms. Tenuta

Welcome NEW STAFF

- Abigail Green- Assistant Principal
- Kelly Winter- Family Coordinator
- Kevin Pascal- Head Custodian
- Kallyn Keefer- LBS1
- Jessica Kemp- Social Worker
- Delaney Killian- Speech Pathologist
- Brylee Gambacorta- Kindergarten
- Madison McCraw- 3rd Grade
- Jennifer Triezenberg- SS2
- Madison Frost- Now 5th Grade





NATURAL PLAYGROUND

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Our beautiful natural playground is closed to the public during the school day! This ensures safety of students as they learn and explore throughout the school day!



To celebrate back to school, please join Colene Hoose PTO in the North Gym after supply drop off. Complementary ice cream or popsicle will be available for your student, and a fun photo booth will also be available!



Hello Hoose Hawks Families!!

I am Kelly Winter, Hoose's Family Coordinator. This is my 5th year as a family coordinator but my first year supporting Hoose families. Some of you may already know me if you have older children at Chiddix. This year I will support both Chiddix and Hoose families with all things school success! If there is anything your family needs to start this school year off right, or any questions you may have, please reach out to me, winterk@unit5.org. From school supplies to community resources to child development questions and everything in between, I am here to support you!

I can already feel the good vibes for a great new school year!! Go Hawks!



This year Hoose has the fortunate opportunity to start a Promise Council to support student and family needs. The main goal of Promise Council is to remove any barriers to learning. If you would like to learn more, please visit- promisecouncil.org

Two ways to support our Hoose Promise Council-

- Join our Hoose Promise Council Shout Out List 25-26
- Hoose 100 Caring Adults Day on Thursday, August 28th 7:15-7:45. Join us to line the sidewalks with love, encouragement, and high-fives to show our kids and teachers that their community believes in them! Sign up here- Hoose 100 Caring Adults

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