

WINTER

HAWK HERALD

Colene Hoose Bird's Eye View

JANUARY, 2026 | WINTER



News from the principal, Ms. Tenuta

Dear Hoose Hawk Families,

Welcome 2026! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! As a reminder, students will go outside each day weather permitting as long as the real feel temperature at recess time is above 20 degrees. Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather. I strongly encourage you to label students coats, gloves, and hats. Please reach out to our main office if you need any assistance in getting winter clothing for your child. In the event of inclement weather, we will be sending home devices with students in case a virtual learning day is needed. Please be sure that they are sent back the next in person learning day.

I appreciate your continued partnership in supporting our Hoose Hawks! Looking forward to a great second half of the school year!

Thank you! ~ Gina Tenuta



Important Dates:

Monday, January 19th

No School

Friday, January 30th

Popcorn Day!

Friday, February 6th

Early Dismissal 10:45



Academic Focus:

In the month of December students took our district benchmark assessments in reading and math. Students take these assessments three times a year to measure growth throughout the school year. This data was used to determine academic needs and individual supports for students when we met as grade level teams this month. We have made great gains in both our Math and Reading scores!



Hoose PTO

Mark your Calendars!! Join us for the next PTO meeting! . We are looking forward to meeting you on Monday, January 26th at 6 pm.

Spirit Wear - You can buy Colene Hoose Spirit Wear at 1stplacespiritwear.com

Box Tops for Education. Download the app select Colene Hoose Elementary (zip 61761) then take a picture of all your receipts to get credit for Box top Items.

Family **FITNESS** Night

Save the Date!

Friday, January 23rd
from 5:00-6:00

Be on the look out for registration!

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.



PICK-UP & DROP-OFF REMINDERS



Morning Drop-Off

- Drop-off starts at 7:25 and ends at 7:45am
- Please 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
- Student should get out on the curb side of the car only
- Parents, please stay in your cars as we need to keep the line moving
- Do not pass cars in the lane. Stay in one line throughout the drop off line
- Morning drop-off you can use either lane in the back of the school
- 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
- Reminder that breakfast starts at 7:25, if your child needs breakfast please try to get here in enough time for them to finish before the start of the day at 7:45

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

PBIS



*Friday, January 30th- POPCORN DAY!!

*Friday, January 30th- Happy Hawk Store!

- Thank you to those who have donated items for our hawks to shop with their Happy Hawks!

Golden Tray Awarded to classes that show great behavior in lunch & recess!



LA GONDOLA AWARD
January's Focus:

SHOW EMPATHY!

Weekly Targets:

- *I understand others' feelings may be different than my own
- *I can show empathy by putting myself in others' shoes
- *I can prevent an argument and resolve conflict by showing empathy
- * I can understand and respond to the needs of others

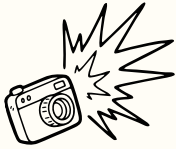


CLUB & GROUP

PICTURE DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH
FOR STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Student Council
- Chess Team
- 5th Grade Class picture
- Band
- Orchestra
- Morning Announcements
- Helping Hands/Peer Buddies



February 6th 10:45 Student Dismissal Lunch Order Form

Due Monday, February 2nd @ noon



LUNCH

The sack lunch will consist of a:

- Pillsbury Mini Cinnis
- Hard boiled egg
- String cheese
- Baby Carrots
- Banana
- Choice of milk

HONEST TO GOODNESS FUNDRAISING WITH FOLKS WHO CARE

Jason's Deli is proud to support
COLENE HOOSE PTO

Please join us in raising funds on
MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH | 5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Order online using code **FUND20** or present this flyer when you dine-in and Jason's Deli will donate a percentage of your total food purchase back to your organization.



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PLEASE PRESENT OR MENTION THIS FLYER WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THIS EVENT. 20% OF PRE-TAX SALES WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION ABOVE. NO SOLICITING FLYERS ON PREMISE OF THE EVENT OR SALES WILL NOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU USING JASON'S DELI TO SUPPORT YOUR FUNDRAISING NEEDS.

Hoose Hawk Families,

January 27th-29th, as part of Erin's Law, the YWCA will be visiting our student's PE classroom to teach lessons about personal safety and safety steps. Erin's Law requires public schools to implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse awareness program.

Attached is the letter explaining YWCA's lessons. Families may opt-out of these lessons. Please complete the attached opt-out form and return it to the Hoose main office if you do not wish for your child to participate.

Thank you,
Gina Tenuta

