

# HAWK HERALD

Colene Hoose Bird's Eye View

FEBRUARY, 2026 | WINTER



## News from the principal, Ms. Tenuta

Dear Hoose Hawk Families,

I know it seems early but we are starting to plan and discuss next school year! Unit 5 Kindergarten Preview Day for the 26-27 school year will be held Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Hoose will be holding a session from 12:30-2:00 for incoming Kindergarten students and parents to attend. Children reaching the age of five (5) on or before September 1, 2026, are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten. Registration for 26-27 returning and new students is scheduled to open on March 30<sup>th</sup> on the [Unit 5 Webpage](#).

I appreciate your continued partnership in supporting our Hoose Hawks! Looking forward to a great month!

Thank you! ~ Gina Tenuta

## Important Dates:

Monday, Feb. 16th

President's Day

No School

Tuesday, Feb. 17th

Institute Day

No School

Tuesday, March 3rd

10:45 Dismissal

## YEARBOOK ORDER:

Order your 2025-2026 Yearbook!!

Please click the link to order your yearbook!!

[Jostens Yearbook Order Link](#)

Last day to order is February 27!!



## Hoose PTO

Mark your Calendars!! Join us for the next PTO meeting! We are looking forward to meeting you on Monday, February 23rd at 6 pm.

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.

Casey's Cash for Classrooms Grants- Download the Casey's app select Colene Hoose Elementary School. Earn points for purchases and with as few as 250 points, you can turn those points into a school donation!



## Lunch & Recess Times

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Lunch</u> | <u>Recess</u> |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 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 7:50am
- 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
- 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.
- If you need to assist your child with buckling, please pull past the loading zone and to the side.
- Please remind your child to be waiting in their grade level line outside watching for your car.

LA GONDOLA AWARD 

February

Focus:

# BE LOVING!

**Weekly Targets:**

**\*Treat others the way you would want to be treated**

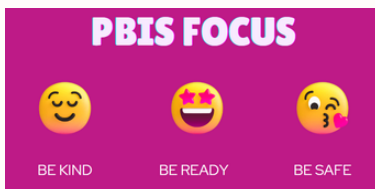
**\*Be a Helper**

**\*Show Empathy**

**\*Listen!**

SCHOOL WIDE ASSEMBLY!

K-2ND & 3RD-5TH HAD AN ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW OUR PBIS SCHOOL WIDE GOAL & OUR MONTHLY GOAL!



## 5 ESSENTIALS SURVEY

The teachers, parents, and students have an opportunity to complete the Illinois 5 Essentials Survey. This survey is given by the Illinois State Board of Education and provides you an opportunity to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness. **We need 20% to meet the criteria**. I would greatly appreciate it if you could find the time **before March 13th** to complete the survey. The results will help us guide improvement here at Hoose!

To take the survey, please visit:

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illionis/survey/parent>

