



# Hawk Herald

## Colene Hoose Bird's Eye View

NOVEMBER, 2025 | FALL



### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MS. TENUTA

Dear Hoose Hawk Families,

It is hard to believe that one third of the school year is over and the cooler temperatures have arrived! As a reminder, students will go outside each day weather permitting as long as the real feel temperature is above 20 degrees. 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.

I hope everyone in our school community had a wonderful Diwali celebration! We also have Thanksgiving coming up this month. I hope everyone has an opportunity to see family and friends and find time for gratitude. As we focus on what we are thankful for this month, I know that at the top of my list is the Hoose Community! Thank you for your continued partnership!

Thank you ~ Gina Tenuta

### IMPORTANT DATES

November 26th-28th

No School-

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, December 3rd

10:45 Dismissal

Dec.22nd - January 2nd

Winter Break

Monday, January 5th

No School- Teacher Institute

Tuesday, January 6th

First Day back in 2026!

**2025-2026 UNIT 5 SCHOOL YEAR**

**CALENDAR**



### E-LEARNING INFORMATION

If we have inclement weather this year, we may have an e-learning day. Choice boards have been passed out, please keep them in a safe location. We will use these in the event of an E-Learning day where we have power outages or technology issues. Teachers will have live links for this year that we will use for e-learning days. The choice boards are "just in case" we cannot use the live links.

[e-learning\\_parent\\_communication](#)



### Hoose PTO

Mark your Calendars!! Join us for the next PTO meeting!

We are looking forward to meeting you on

Monday, November 17th 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

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.



**McTeacher's Night**  
5-7 pm

Join us for a night of food, friends, family & fun to support your school.

School Name  
**Colene Hoose**

Date: **Elementary**  
**Tuesday, November 18**

Location of Restaurant  
**804 S. Main St. (by ISU) Normal**

Your Hoose Hawk Teachers and Staff will be working at the Main Street McDonald's on Tuesday, November 18th from 5-7pm!  
15% of all sales go back to Hoose!!  
We can't wait to see all of our Hoose Hawks!!



**Colene Hoose Spirit Wear**

All items will be sent directly to your home. Processing time is 10-12 days to prepare and 2-3 days to ship.  
Current Sale-20% off all merchandise



**FROM THE FAMILY COORDINATOR:**

Supporting Our School Community

If anyone in our school community could use a little extra help with groceries, please know you're not alone. Our local food pantries and community partners are here to help.

You can find a list of nearby pantries:

[Pantry List](#)

In addition to these community supports, please know that I am available to help you navigate and access available resources.

Please connect with me at [winterk@unit5.org](mailto:winterk@unit5.org)

**MAKE EVERYDAY SPIRIT DAY!**

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- ✓ FAST HOME DELIVERY
- ✓ FREE SHIPPING OVER \$75
- ✓ CHOOSE FROM 150+ DESIGNS

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1ST PLACE Sportswear

**LA GONDOLA AWARD**

November's focus:

Each week students are nominated by a teacher for going above and beyond with our monthly goal!  
Thanks to our partnership with La Gondola, students are rewarded with a free pizza coupon!

**BE Grateful!**

- ☆ Show Gratitude
- ☆ Focus on the positive
- ☆ Notice the good things
- ☆ Appreciate what I have

**Be grateful**



# FAMILIES HELP BUILD HEALTHY DEVICE HABITS EARLY

Family support is essential to helping our youngest learners develop positive and responsible habits with technology. When families reinforce school expectations at home, students are more likely to stay focused, interact with their classmates, and fully engage in their learning. Consistent messages from both home and school help children understand that devices are tools – not toys during the school day – and that paying attention, listening, and being present are important parts of learning and growing.



## How Families Can Help:

- Please avoid calling or texting your child during the school day unless it is an emergency.
- If you need to get a message to your child, please call the school office, and we will make sure they receive it.
- Remind your child each morning to keep any devices silenced and stored in their backpack
- Talk with your child about why we keep devices put away at school: so they can focus on learning, friends, and being part of the classroom community.
- If possible, consider having your child leave personal devices at home.

## Student Expectations:

- Phones, smart watches, earbuds, and other personal devices must stay silent and be kept in backpacks during the school day.
- Device use is allowed only during emergencies or if required in an IEP or 504 plan.



# K-8 CODING NIGHT

Presented by Normal West Computer Honor Society, Girls Who Code, and Associate's Degree Program Students



**FRIDAY, DEC. 12**

**6:00 – 8:15 PM**

**NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

501 N. Parkside Rd.



Explore technology through coding and creativity!

Scan the QR below to register by 12/7



<https://forms.gle/P TkH6VR9oYFo4nr8A>

**No Experience Needed**  
Come learn with us!!!

**Merch, snacks and prizes!!!**

Questions? Email [weberd@unit5.org](mailto:weberd@unit5.org)



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