Principal Notes

Hawthorne is a school working on skills of character. Currently we are continuing to teach our students the skill of having a calm body. October’s reinforcements for following this skill are “chill chips.” We remind students that we are learning and when they are caught with calm bodies we may hand them a wooden chip that they can write their name on. The chips are drawn for prizes during the week. Recognizing positive behaviors helps Hawthorne to become a more positive place and builds successful behaviors in our students. Please encourage your child to build character by being calm learners.

Our SCHOOL WIDE IMPROVEMENT goals are to BUILD GOOD CITIZENS and to INCREASE READING COMPREHENSION. Teachers will be setting individual goals for their classrooms and students set goals that align toward this school wide goal. How can you help us achieve this goal? Read with your child every day! Ask them questions about what they are reading and let them see you reading. You are great role models! NOTICE!!! NO SCHOOL

There are three days in October that school will not be held. Please note the following on your calendars at home: -No school will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12th, Friday Oct. 13th and Monday, October 16th for Fall Break.

PTO

Information will be sent home regarding the Pumpkin Walk as we get closer to October 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Halloween Classroom Parties will be held on October 31st at 2:30 p.m.

We have gone social! Please join our PTO group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/HastingsHawthornePTO/. This group is solely intended to communicate PTO related events; school events will continue to be posted on the Hawthorne Elementary website at http://hastingspublicschools.org/schools/hawthorne-elementary/

The Fun Run has kicked off! We are finishing the Fun Run on Thursday, October 5th and students will run on Friday, October 6th.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2nd - PTO Meeting
October 3rd – 4th Grade Fitness
October 4th – 5th Grade Ag Safety
October 10th and 17th – Parent Teacher Conferences
October 11th – 3rd Grade to Stuhr Museum
October 12th, 13th and 16th – No School
October 27th – Pumpkin Walk
October 31st – Classroom Halloween Parties

October 2017
Spotlight on Mr. Collins!

Mr. Collins grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. He lived with his mom, grandma and younger sister until he went to Hastings College. He participated in music and theatre at Hastings College. Mr. Collins also spent a semester in Chicago working with the Chicago Police Department. Currently, Mr. Collins is happy coaching soccer at HHS, reading comic books and spending time with his girlfriend Ashley watching Manchester United Soccer games and movies.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 10th and October 17th.

Thank you, Grace United Methodist Church, for the school supply donations! We greatly appreciate your generosity to our school!

Fourth-Grade 12th Annual Nebraska Kids Fitness & Nutrition Day

Fourth-grade students from Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster Counties will learn about health and wellness at the 11th Annual Nebraska Kids Fitness & Nutrition Day (NKFND), set for Tuesday, October 4th, on the Hastings College campus. The day’s activities take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lloyd Wilson Field and the Hastings College Physical Fitness Facility. Approximately 550 students will attend this year’s event in Hastings.

Brooke Wolfe, local NKFND coordinator and wellness coordinator for the South Heartland District Health Department, said that “fourth-graders are a good age to work with because they are beginning to develop lifelong habits that will inevitably affect their behavior in the future. Helping children learn to eat right and be active every day means they have a better shot at being successful both in school and in life.”

When the students arrive, they will be divided into two groups, with one group on the Lloyd Wilson Field for physical activities and the second group going to the Physical Fitness Facility to participate in nutrition education activities. The students work in their respective stations and then trade places after a nutritious sack lunch.

The fourteen Physical Activity stations include Step Aerobics, Parachute, and Dead Bug Freeze Tag. Nutrition stations will teach the youth about energy balance, understanding food labels, how to make healthy snacks, MyPlate, and the importance of food safety and hand-washing.

Wolfe said that the overall purpose of the event is to demonstrate to both students and educators how physical activity and nutrition work together to maintain health. “We know that obesity is not only a national epidemic but also an enormous problem right here in central Nebraska. Our goal is to give the students the tools to enable them to make healthy decisions for themselves – which will hopefully lead to a healthier generation.”

Local sponsors and planners of the event are the South Heartland District Health Department, Hastings College, Hastings Family YMCA, UNL/Adams County Extension Nutrition Education Program and Mary Lanning Healthcare. The NKFND program was developed and funded, in part, by the Nebraska Beef Council, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

October 2017
Hawthorne Box Tops
We want to thank you all for clipping and sending in Box Tops. Box Tops will continue being counted and submitted throughout the school year. The PTO will reward students with candy for every 25 non-expired Box Tops submitted. If you would like a list of what products have box tops, free coupons, or to see how much our school has raised please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). The school is also able to earn double points on box tops if you download the Box Tops App and scan your receipt in when you purchase qualifying products. Thank you for all your help!

Bike Safety
Students may ride to and from school on bicycles. Parents are responsible for student safety and the determination of the appropriate age for riding a bicycle to and from school. Helmets should be worn to avoid injury. For the safety of all children, bike riders must dismount their bicycles while on school property. The use of skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, roller shoes, or wheeled scooters is prohibited in or on all Hastings Public School property. These items should be left at home. Hastings Public Schools does not assume responsibility for injuries or damages resulting from the use of any of the conveyances used on Hastings Public Schools Property. The school is not responsible for damage to, or the theft of, items brought to school.

The Fun Run Fundraiser is here! Students will have the opportunity to win a $50 WalMart gift card, a tablet and a laptop! We will be offering great incentives throughout the pledge process for your students and hope they find this event fun and exciting!

We want to promote a healthy lifestyle to our students and the community. Please help us reach our fundraising goal by supporting our Fun Run.

- We have teamed up with The Get Movin’ Crew® to make this event fun and profitable.
- Please help us by helping your child raise a total of $50 in pledge donations.
- It’s easy! Just help your child gather five $10 flat pledges or more.
COUNSELOR COMMENTS

We have been busy reviewing the three school rules of:

- **Be Safe** – Hands and Feet to Self
- **Be Respectful** – Listen and Follow Directions Quickly
- **Be Responsible** – Take care of Me and My Stuff

Ask your child to show you the sign for each of the rules.

Review the rules at home as we have shared these rules can be used anywhere, any place, and at any time.

We also have reviewed Student Seating options:

- **Classroom seat** – student remains in their desk or on the floor with their class because they are being successful with following school and classroom rules.
- **Safe seat** – student moves to another place in the classroom to sit when unsuccessful in their classroom seat (i.e. they may be talking or bothering their neighbor).
- **Buddy Room** – student moves to an assigned room outside their classroom to think about their behavior and how they can return to the classroom and be successful.
- **Focus Room** – student moves to the office to fill out a focus sheet (office discipline referral form) about their behavior (ie. This is usually a more serious behavior or a repeated behavior). The focus sheet needs to be signed by a parent and returned to school, or the parent will get a phone call to find out if they have seen it.
- **Recovery Room** – Student goes to this room when they are very upset and have difficulty calming down.

If you have any questions just call 😊

Mrs. Clancy
Hastings Public Schools Foundation and Hastings Public Schools Music Department are bringing an incredible Artist In Residence (AIR) experience to our students and community October 23 – 27th, 2017. This truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our music students to learn and perform music from Mexico. This will primarily involve 5th grade band and orchestra students.

Sones de Mexico Ensemble ([http://sonesdemexico.com](http://sonesdemexico.com)) is a 2 time Grammy nominated music ensemble that promotes greater appreciation of Mexican folk and traditional music.

Select groups of students will perform with Sones de Mexico during a **FREE** evening concert **Thursday, October 26th, 2017, 7:00pm**, at the **Hastings City Auditorium**.

Thank You,
Rick Matticks
(HPS Music Coordinator)

Hawthorne’s fantastic team of Nebraska Future Problem Solvers
Kaylynn Wischmeier, Bailey Quinn, Camden Mullen, Liam White, Parker Ablott, and Blake Schiffbauer