

# Hoose Hawks – Family Newsletter



October 12, 2018

Good evening Hoose Hawk Families. We hope that you and your family have a great weekend!

**Calendar Additions** – Please add the events/dates below:

- 10/17 – Late Start Day
- 10/19 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/29 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- 10/31 – Hoose “Spirit” Day

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families – 17/18 PARCC Scores** – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, the 17/18 PARCC Assessment Scores will be coming home backpack express. Please be on the lookout for these. They should be coming home at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

**Spirit Day October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> will be Hoose “Spirit” Day. We are encouraging all students to wear orange and black. As in the past, Hoose has not had students wear costumes to school. Instead, because Hoose-n-anny was moved up to take advantage of the great weather, we will be wearing black and orange “Spirit” wear. We appreciate your help and school spirit on this date.

**Life Touch Coupon 50% off** – Life Touch, our picture company, has agreed to supply each Hoose family with a 50% off coupon for a future order. The pictures this year were delayed significantly, so we worked with the company to give back to our patient Hoose families. Please be on the lookout for this coupon as you can apply it to a future order.

**Cold Weather, Prepare Your Student** - As we get deeper into the school year, the weather will continue to get colder outside. Please be sure to have your child dress appropriately for the weather. Our students will be going outside for recess daily unless it rains, or the wind chill is 20 degrees or colder. Having a sweatshirt, coat, hat, and gloves available for your student as it gets colder will guarantee they will be prepared for the outdoor elements.

We will monitor the temperature using the Weather Channel app. For days that the wind chill is 20 degrees or colder, we will have indoor recess. On days when the temp and wind chill are 21 degrees or warmer, we will be going outside.

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**Sonata/Sonatina Festival** – On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Bloomington-Normal Music Teachers Association will host a Sonata/Sonatina Festival at Illinois Wesleyan University. Students of all levels are welcome. Registration is due November 9, 2018. For more information and details, visit: [bnmta.org](http://bnmta.org)

**Check Email Frequently** – Parents, be sure to check your email frequently, especially at the beginning of the school year, for important information and messages from teachers and the school.

**Report Cards** – Unit 5 has moved to Standards Based Grading and the Report Card will reflect this by moving to ongoing progress checks instead of the traditional trimester reporting periods. Parents, there will only be a report card at the end of the year. We will be using TeacherEase this year for our reporting system. Marks/grades will be entered regularly in TeacherEase. District Office will be sending monthly reminders to parents to check your child's progress. You should be receiving an email inviting you to either login or create a new login so you can see marks/grades in the TeacherEase system for your child.

**Box Tops for Education** – Calling All Hoose Hawk Families... Box Tops for Education - Parents, did you know that you can contribute funding to our school just by cutting out and sending Box Tops for Education in to our school? Something as simple as cutting these out and sending them in can make a huge difference!

**Pop tabs** - We are collecting pop tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois. Thank you for your donations!

**Bussing** – Please continue to check Skyward for changes in bus routes. These changes may occur as routes are refined throughout the year. We will continue to communicate with families of any changes, late buses, or updates as soon as we are aware of any shared with us.

**Pick-up and Drop-off** – Pick-up and drop-off of students can take place in two areas around Hoose. The Circle drive near the Main Office on the North end of the building and the large parking lot on the south end of the building are available for families.

- *Circle Drive* – For AM drop-off, please be sure to proceed slowly through the circle drive for the safety of all of our students and staff. There are visitor parking spots if parents need to

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park, please use these instead of parking in the drive. **Once you have entered the circle drive, please pull up to the curb (do not drop off in the drive lane) and have your child exit the vehicle on the sidewalk side.**

- *Circle Drive* – For PM pick-up, the circle drive will be open for parents to pick up their student(s) at 2:15. We do have a few specialized transports that pick up and depart between 1:55-2:15. **Please wait until 2:15 to pull into the circle drive** so we can get our buses in and out of the drive as quickly as possible. **Once you have entered the circle drive, please pull up to the curb (do not pick up in the drive lane) and have your child enter the vehicle on the sidewalk side.**
- *South Parking Lot* – The south parking lot is available for pick-up and drop-off at all times before and after school. Our large transport buses do drop-off and pick-up in the driveway nearest the building on the south end of the building near the flagpole. Please park your vehicle in the middle of the parking lot near the basketball hoops.

### **Other News:**

**PTO Facebook** - Colene Hoose PTO has a Facebook page! Please follow the link below and like our page. It is a great way to be better plugged in. The Facebook page has photos and updates on events, classroom needs as well as other opportunities to help out. The PTO will continue to evolve the site to maximize the usefulness to all the parents. Please feel free to add feedback on how we can better communicate with you by emailing us at [colenehoosepto@gmail.com](mailto:colenehoosepto@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/colenehoosepto>

**PTO Meeting** – The next Hoose PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm in the IMC.

**Late Start Dates** – Our next late start date is approaching. Please mark the following date on your calendars: Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. On late start days, school starts one hour later at **8:45 am.**