

Hoose Hawks – Family Newsletter



August 17, 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:

- 8/20 – PBIS Kick-off Mini-assemblies: 7:50- 4th grade; 8:15- 2nd grade; 8:40- 5th grade; 9:05- Kindergarten; 9:30- 3rd grade; 9:55- 1st grade
- 8/23 – Safety Day (8:30-Fire Drill; 9:30-Severe Weather; 1:00-Lockdown)
- 8/24 – Picture Day
- 8/27 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- 8/29 – Late Start Day
- 8/31 – Fire Drill @ 9:00 am – Full evacuation to the church
- 9/3 – Labor Day – No School
- 9/4 – Fire Drill @ 1:00 (Fire Dept Observes)
- 9/12 – Late Start Day
- 9/14 – Bus Evacuation Drills (9-11 am)

First Week – We are off and running. We had a great start to the year! Students are learning, collaborating, and having fun. We are so happy to have kids back in the building. Classroom routines are underway. It's been an awesome start. Welcome Back!

Safety Drills – Each year, schools are required to run 3 fire drills, 1 severe weather drill, 1 lockdown safe and secure drill, and bus evacuation drills. These drills allow us to practice what to do in case a situation arises. These are only drills for our practice and learning.

Picture Day – Picture Day is Friday, August 24th. Information will be coming home backpack express soon.

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.

PBIS – This year at Hoose, we will be focusing our PBIS efforts of learning what it means to be a Hoose Hawk. A Hoose Hawk is **H**elpful, **E**ncouraging, **R**espectful, and **O**n-task. Throughout

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the year, we will be sharing with students different EMOJI graphics that represent great character and recognizing students for their efforts.

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.

Testing and Assessment – At the beginning of the year, our students will be working with our staff to establish their current levels of performance. Three times per year, our 1st through 5th grade students will take the MAP assessment. Kindergarten will take the MAP assessment in October and in the Spring. Other in-class assessments will also occur periodically to help us know what our students need in order to place instruction.

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.

Bussing – Parents, during the first couple weeks of school, please know that buses may be running a little later than normal. For purposes of safety, all schools are double and triple checking bus rosters and drivers are getting to know routes, students, drop off locations, and who boards and departs where.

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.

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- *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 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

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

PTO Meeting – The next Hoose PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20th 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, August 29th and September 12th. On late start days, school starts one hour later at **8:45 am**.