

Hoose Hawks – Family Newsletter



November 4, 2016

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

Calendar Additions – Please add the events/dates below:

- Nov 4 – Fannie Mae Candy Pickup – South Doors by Flagpole (2:40-5:30)
- Nov 6 – Daylight Savings Time
- Nov 9 – Late Start Day
- Nov 9 – Picture Retake Day
- Nov 11 – End of 1st Trimester
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Assembly (more information to come)
- Nov 12 – NCHS Band Craft and Vendor Show (9:00-3:00)
- Nov 14-18 – Book Fair (additional information will be shared soon)
- Nov 16/17 – Last dates for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 18 – Amy Logan author visit
- Nov 21 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Break Begins – No School
- Nov 28 – School Resumes
- Nov 30 – Late Start Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences – If parents have not done so already, be sure to connect with your child's teacher for a conference if you feel it is necessary. Time slots are filling up. The last dates for conferences are November 16th and 17th. Parents and Teachers are scheduling conferences throughout October and up to mid-November.

Music Performances - Third, fourth and fifth grade classes will present their annual music programs on Monday, November 21st, in the auditorium of Normal Community High School.

3rd Grade "Stone Soup" 5:30 p.m.
4th Grade "We Haz Jazz" 6:30 p.m.
5th Grade "We Love America!" 7:30 p.m.

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Mark your calendars!

Daylight Savings Time – This weekend is the beginning of daylight savings. After midnight on Saturday, set your clocks back an hour. Enjoy the extra hour of rest!

Hoose For Troops – Parents, We will be having Hoose for Troops this year! This is a way for Hoose to honor the people serving overseas for our country. Each grade will be donating treats to the troops! Donations will be accepted up through November 11th!

- *Kindergarten-bubble gum/candy (NOTHING THAT CAN MELT!!)*
- *1st grade- pop tarts*
- *2nd grade- drink mixes*
- *3rd grade- dog treats/dog toys*
- *4th grade- dollar store toys (yo-yo 's, rubix cubes, small stuffed animals, small cars, games, etc.)*
- *5th grade- beef jerky*

If you can help, send your treat for the troops with your kid to school. Hope you can participate!

Thank you! From, The 5th Grade

Young Authors – Thank you to Mrs. Barbour and her class for taking the lead with Young Authors. There will be more information coming in the near future...

Author Visit – I am happy to share that Amy Logan will once again be visiting Hoose on November 18th. More information will be coming your way as we get closer. Our PTO has agreed to fund her visit. If you see a PTO member, share a thank you for all of their support for our kids.

Hoose-n-anny – Thank you to all of our volunteers for coming out to make Hoose-n-anny such a success. Our students had a great time. It was fast and busy, but a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of Fall. Thank you!

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Picture Retakes – Picture retakes will be on November 9th. If you are interested in having your child's picture retaken, please send the original portraits back to school and have them turned in to the Main Office prior to November 9th.

Book Fair – The Book Fair is coming. November 14th through November 18th, the Book Fair will be at Hoose. Each year the library hosts a Book Fair to raise funds to purchase new books for our library. This year our fair will be a Scholastic Book Fair. It will be November 14th-18th. During the week, each child visits the Book Fair with their class and can make his/her purchases. We will be open during IMC classes and after school to 3:30 pm. The book fair will have extended hours on Wednesday and Thursday night for PT conferences. We will have books for all ages, including adults! Proceeds from this event will benefit our school library with new books and materials.

Soon, your child will be bringing home preview sheets for the book fair. Please look over this with your child and if you plan to make a purchase from the sheet please remember that tax has not been added.

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****- Volunteers are crucial to the success of the fair. Training is short and easy, and helping out is fun! If you want to help volunteer at the book fair please use the following link to sign up online.

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/experience/login/FweReb3zb>

NCHS Band Craft and Vendor Show - NCHS Bands is holding their annual craft & vendor show Saturday Nov. 12 from 9am-3pm at Normal Community High School. There will be 100 booths to shop at plus a free children's make-and-take craft table. Wild Style will be there painting faces & The Unique Twist will be making balloon characters. Come support the band, have some fun & get some Christmas shopping done, too! "

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Attendance – As of today, we have 518 students attending Hoose. Our attendance Rate for August/September was 95.36%.

Cold Weather, Prepare Your Student - As we get deeper into Fall, 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, some learning activities, and celebrations such as Hoose-n-anny. 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.

Pop tabs - We are still 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. 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

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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.

Snacks – Parents, please remember to send a snack with your child each day. Also, keep the snacks smaller, meaning 1 or 2 things that are quick and manageable for kids to eat while learning. Healthy snacks are encouraged. Students will have opportunities to refuel during their learning day.

Other News:

Box Tops for Education – Hoose does collect Box Tops for Education. If you have Box Tops to send in, please send them in with your student.

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, November 21st 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, November 9th. On late start days, school starts one hour later at 8:45 am.

SICK DAY GUIDELINES

taken from the Unit 5 elementary handbook

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As we enter the season of late fall and winter, please take a moment to review the Unit 5 Handbook for recommendations regarding sick day guidelines found on page 26 of the link below.

<http://www.unit5.org/cms/lib03/IL01905100/Centricity/Domain/49/FINALelementary.pdf>

Remember that the number one way to help stop the spread or contraction of any viral/bacterial illness is **PROPER HANDWASHING!!** Remind your child to wash hands frequently and correctly throughout the season. <http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/>

For everyone's good health, children with fever &/or potential contagious illnesses should not be in school.

Children with the following conditions should not be in school:

- A **fever** within the last 24 hours
- **Vomiting or diarrhea**
- A frequent and disruptive cough or other signs of an acute **respiratory infection**
- Any **contagious illness** such as “strep throat” or “pink eye” that requires antibiotic therapy. Once the student has been **fever free and on antibiotics for at least 24 hours**, he/she may return to school.
- Any **undiagnosed skin rash**. A student with a rash may attend school upon presenting a **physician's note** stating the rash is not contagious.
- Pronounced **lethargy** or **fatigue** that interferes with participation in learning activities.
- Any other health condition that in the professional, clinical judgment of the Certified School Nurse places that student or others in the school community at a health or safety risk. In the absence of the Certified School Nurse, this determination may be made by the building principal or his/her designee.

Head Lice- If you notice your child scratching their head more than usual, check for nits (small grayish-white, oval shaped eggs **glued** at an angle to the hair shaft close to the scalp), or small bite marks behind the ears and at the back of the neck. Contact your physician for treatment options/advice before applying or using lice treatment pesticides.

A student excluded because of head lice will be permitted to return to school when the parent or guardian brings the student to school to be checked by the school nurse or building principal and the child is determined to be free of the head lice and eggs (nits). Infested children are

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prohibited from riding the bus to school to be checked for head lice. See page 27 of Unit 5 handbook.