

Hoose Hawks – Family Newsletter



August 19, 2016

Good evening Hoose Hawk Families. We've had a great first three days here at Hoose! Our time in the classrooms has been fantastic as our students came back ready to learn. Listed below are a few quick updates of things happening in and around Hoose.

Calendar Additions – Please add the events/dates below:

- Aug 22 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm – IMC
- Aug 23 – 5th Grade Curriculum Night @ 6:00 pm
- Aug 24 – 3rd Grade Curriculum Night @ 6:00 pm
- Aug 26 – Picture Day
- Aug 31 – Late Start Day: Students arrive 1 hour late: school begins @ 8:45
- Aug 31 – Safety Day (we will practice multiple required safety drills)
- Sept 5 – Labor Day: No School
- Sept 6 – Institute Day: No Student Attendance
- Sept 14 – Late Start Day: Students arrive 1 hour late: school begins @ 8:45
- Sept 14 – Fire Drill will be conducted
- Sept 19 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm – IMC
- Sept 28 – Late Start Day: Students arrive 1 hour late: school begins @ 8:45
- Sept 28 – Fire Drill will be conducted (final required Fire Drill)

PTO Thank You! – A HUGE THANK YOU to our PTO for purchasing 35 Netbooks. They just arrived at school last night and we will be getting those out into classrooms in the very near future. Thank you to all of our families for contributing to our efforts to support and enhance our learning environment for students!

Picture Day – Friday, August 26th is Picture Day here at Hoose. Our Hoose Hawks will be getting their pictures taken by LifeTouch. Picture order forms should be coming home backpack express. Please be on the lookout for these order forms.

NCHS Star Spangle Cheerleading Kids Camp – NCHS Cheerleading Camp/Clinic will be available to students in *Grades 1st through 5th* on Wednesday September 7th and Thursday September 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The camp participants would also have a performance during

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the first half of the football game on Friday, September 9th (participants would need to arrive at the NCHS Gym by 6:00 pm).

Cheerleading Camp will take place at NCHS. The cost is \$40 made payable to **NCHS Cheerleading**.

Camp participants would receive a T-Shirt, Bow, Snacks during the clinic only), and Free Admission to the Football Game for their performance.

To Register, go online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/JLaXwMqcrndLaPD73>

Birthday Treats and Snacks (Board Policy) – Recently, Unit 5 is taking more steps moving towards wellness. With that in mind, the Board of Education has established a new policy:

Birthday Treats Policy - Unit 5 believes that birthdays are special for children. As a school district, in order to promote a healthy school environment, birthday recognitions cannot include food items. The decision will be left up to each school as to how they would like to recognize a student's birthday, but it cannot include food items.

Board Policy 6.5

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available During the School Day

Students will be offered and schools will promote nutritious food and beverage choices consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans published jointly by the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture (USDA). In addition, in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity, the Superintendent or designee shall restrict the sale or distribution of foods as defined by the USDA, in the food service areas during meal periods and comply with all ISBE rules.

This policy covers all of the food that is offered during the day, not just during lunch. The intent of the policy change is to limit the instances of food being given to students during the school day which is not regulated by the health guidelines our district follows and/or is out of the control of parents/guardians. This means that if a snack time is offered during the day, students should bring in their own healthy snacks as opposed to having students bring in a snack that is shared by all.

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Snacks – Parents, please remember to send a snack with your child each day. Healthy snacks are encouraged. Students will have opportunities to refuel during their learning day.

Bussing – Bussing has improved each day so far. Buses do typically run later at the beginning of the year as new routes are run, students are verified, and procedures are put into place. We appreciate your patience as Unit 5 learns and grows with our new busing system.

Other News:

Standards Based Grading – Unit 5 has begun the process of transitioning to Standards Based Grading in the elementary grade levels. Teachers and administrators have been engaged in study and research around Standards Based Grading and many teachers have begun to shift their assessment practices to align with this type of grading and reporting. In the 2016-2017 school year, teachers will begin to report some grades in the Standards Based Grading format. Full implementation will take place in the 2017-2018 school year. There will be opportunities for parents to learn more about this shift in grading and reporting. In the coming weeks, a Skyward message will be sent home that will include links and reference materials for families.

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, August 22nd 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 31st, September 14th, and September 28th. On late start days, school starts one hour later at **8:45 am**.

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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, 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.
- *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.