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The ELP Steering Committee meets regularly throughout the school year. \*Everyone is welcome to attend. Remaining Meeting Dates:

- March 9, 2022
- April 13, 2022
- May 11, 2022

## *The ELP Newsletter*

*February 2022*

### *Hawthorne Elementary School*

#### A Message from your Principal...

Hello Hawthorne ELP Community!

As we make our way through February, we have many wonderful things to celebrate and look forward to. In January, we had 25 scholars participate in our school-wide spelling bee. There was great excitement at the end with our final competitors as it took several rounds to identify our top two winners who qualified to move to our state competition. Well done to all the scholars who participated!

In the upcoming weeks, our ELP students get the showcase their acting and singing skills in a class opera or play performance. Keep an eye out for more information from your child's teacher regarding their performance days and times.

Have you heard about Hawk tickets, yet? Ask your child/ren the following questions: (1) What are Hawk tickets? (2) How do you earn tickets? After we came back to school following Winter Break, we implement school-wide expectations revolving around three main foci: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Students who are safe, respectful, and responsible earn Hawk tickets from any adult in the building that can be entered in a school-wide drawing daily. We get to celebrate 5 winners every day!

**Kody Colvin, Ed.D.**

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Principal, Hawthorne Elementary  
Salt Lake City School District

## Some Events You Should Know...

- **Feb. 28 & March 1 (2:30-7:30 PM)** – S.E.P. Conferences
- **March 3** - School Ends at 1:00 (Short Day)
- **March 4** – No School (Teacher Compensation Day)
- **March 10** – Spring Pictures
- **March 10 (7:00-8:00 PM)** – PTA Meeting
- **March 12 (6:00 PM)** – K-2 Operas
- **March 16** – PTA Restaurant Night *Chipotle*
- **March 21-24** - Shakespeare Week
- **March 28-April 1** – Spring Break
- **April 7 (7:00-8:00 PM)** – PTA Meeting
  - **April 19** – Asynchronous Learning Day

**A Sneak Peek at each of the ELP Classes at Hawthorne...***During these entries, you will hear about intensive week, which is the first week back from winter break when the teachers organize a special week-long event for their students, unlike their other curriculum.*

**Kindergarten:** For the kindergartener's intensive week, they practiced their opera. Doing an opera is an amazing experience for the class. It helps the students in learning about problems in the world. During regular class they are learning about economy and the life. They will also be learning about motion and force throughout the year.

**First Grade:** The students are excitedly preparing and rehearsing their upcoming opera performance. The students are learning about plants and animals (how they coexist) and reading Junior Great Books, a language arts program.

**Second Grade:** For intensive week, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ELP class worked on finalizing the music to their opera and created the melody. Now the students are creating habitat books and are writing reports on the Beijing Olympic Games. Their teacher is also teaching them about representing fractions on a number line as well as honoring people who fought for civil rights during black history month.

**Third Grade:** This class' intensive week was interesting. They prepared for their exciting performance of *Good Masters, Sweet Ladies*. They are currently learning about gravity and forces.

**Fourth Grade:** Teacher, Mrs. Van Meter has already cast the students for their play, *Romeo and Juliet*. They are working on their performance now. The first week back from winter break or *Intensive Week*, Mrs. Van Meter's class studied Greek mythology.

**Fifth Grade:** Right now in class, students are learning manners, Shakespeare (this class is performing *Macbeth*) and are working on their reading comprehension. For intensive week the students worked on American History.

**Sixth Grade:** For intensive week, the "seniors" learned about Mesopotamian civilizations. In *this* Intensive week, a simulation played out where groups of six students represented ancient civilizations like the Phoenicians or the Medes. Then these groups competed and established empires. Otherwise, Mrs. Henderson is teaching her class debate, working on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (6<sup>th</sup> Grade's performance) and geometry.

## Our School's very own Olympic Champion...

Nathan Chen attended Hawthorne as an elementary student in the ELP program. We interviewed his former teachers Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Henderson. They were both watching him in his short program for the 2022 Olympics and were amazed at how far he had come. Both teachers were crying tears of joy for their former students. His free skate was exhilarating and we are sure that all of the students were thrilled to watch him accomplish his dream. Nathan Chen sets an example for our whole school, teachers and student. He never gave up, kept fighting, and all that hard work paid off in the 2022 Olympics. If we look back on his 2018 Olympics, during his short program he fell 3 times and finished 17<sup>th</sup>. When he came back 2 days later in his free, he landed a mind-boggling six quadruple jumps! There he proved who he really was. While interviewing Mrs. Edwards, she told us that she believes that all her students are Olympic champions. They all have the love and passion for what they do.

## The Special Classes Provided at Hawthorne...

**Dance** is taught by Corinne Penka, who is an outstanding teacher. Students are taught to think outside of the box and which is then translated into movement. There are many different types of dancing; there is flow, and sharpness, which are only two of the many variations that are used in this class. However, at the moment, Ms. Corinne is on maternity leave and another teacher, Ms. Katie is filling in for her.

**Art** is a class where students are able to enjoy a fun, stress free environment. Shelly Rich, our art teacher, has many projects for the students to do, from using pastels to clay. There is always something to work on and Mrs. Rich's attitude to art makes it so much better. Art is very important, because it improves the students' imaginations and creativity.

**P.E** is taught by Erin Dreksel, where students can burn all their energy. In P.E, class starts with warm up exercises, and then two main activities. The activities usually include running, teamwork, and cooperation. This class keeps the students busy, and all having fun.

During **Library**, Students get an opportunity to check out a book from the vast options in our Hawthorne library. During the class' library period, Mr. Nielson, our librarian reads a book to the class depending on grade level. If there is a holiday or fun event, Mr. Nielson will pick a book related to the event. All in all, library is a little break for students where they get an opportunity to pick a book based on their interests and enjoy a little story while they're at it.

## Hawthorne's Mask Update...

Even though Hawthorne no longer has a mask mandate we still strongly recommend that you send your children to school with masks on for their own safety, as it has been proven that masks are effective in preventing COVID cases. Keep Hawthorne healthy!

## The Spelling and Geography Bees...

**Would you be able to spell this word?**

*Asynchronous*

**Answer this geography question!** *Ho Chi Minh City is the most populated city in which island country?*

This January, Hawthorne held the usual spelling bee, but in addition to that, Hawthorne held its own, school-wide geography bee! Even though the winner of this geo bee was not able to move on to the next competition, as the National Geographic Society no longer runs the geography bee as it used to, the winner still received a geography card game, *The World Game*. So let's all congratulate our winner, Keshav Sainath-Iyengar! (Grade 6 ELP) The spelling bee was won by Kobe Aoki (Grade 6 ELP). Maya Zeilinski finished second (Grade 5 ELP). Unfortunately, Kobe was not able to take part in the district spelling bee so Rowan Quinn (Grade 5 ELP) who finished third will be moving on. Every student gets an opportunity to compete in these "bees".

## Something about our Donors Choose Program...

All of our ELP Teachers got approved for Donors Choose. Donors Choose is a program where people are able to donate to teachers across the world to help improve children's education.

**Kindergarten** used this money to buy plants, butterflies, and chickens. They will be using these animals and plants in science to learn about the life cycle. **The kindergarteners need to find homes for their chickens. They will be picked up the last week of school. If you are interested in getting a chicken please contact the kindergarten teacher, Julee King at [julee.king@slcschools.org](mailto:julee.king@slcschools.org).**

**First Grade** used their Donor Choose money to update their class library and to buy opera props. **Second grade** used the money for multi-cultural books and to learn more about black history month. **Third grade** used the money for science experiments and art projects. They are trying to learn more about engineering and technology. **Fourth grade** used the money for seat back covers and Newbery books. **Fifth grade** is using the money for writing workshops and supplies for these workshops. **Sixth grade** used the money for many things a new lunch bin for the students, and things for the class to explore during class clubs such as: illuminated drawing pads, Sphero Minis, a sound mixer/equalizer, and various locks and boxes to create an escape room.

## How can Parents help at Hawthorne?

In the previous paragraph you read about the Donors Choose program at Hawthorne. One way that parents can help at Hawthorne is donating so that our ELP teachers can provide amazing supplies for your students. Volunteering is another way parents can help our teachers.

## Some Educational Games to Pass the Time...

Educational games are a great way to have fun while learning. A great game for your child to play is 2048. In 2048, players attempt to stack numbers one on top of another and build up to higher numbers. <https://www.2048.org/>. Another great educational game is Wordle. In Wordle, players have six attempts to guess a five-letter word; feedback is given to the guessers. <https://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle/index.html>.

## Some Opera Secrets for all the parents of K-2 students...

ALL OPERAS ARE BEING  
PERFORMED MAY 12<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00 P.M.!!!

### Kindergarten:

**Title:** The Volcano and the Snow

**Plot:** Mythical animals and penguins that live in a volcano

### First Grade:

**Title:** Astronauts and the Royalty Team VS the Alien Dragons

**Plot:** Astronauts land on the moon and get sucked in a black hole, meet alien dragons and space royalty that help them make their way back to earth

### Second Grade:

**Title:** Volcano of Dark Forces

**Plot:** Natural disasters impacting animal habitats, people and animals work together to save the world

## The Shakespeare Schedule...



This year, fourth grade is performing *Romeo and Juliet*. Fifth grade is performing *Macbeth*, and sixth grade is performing *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. While there are more performances happening during the school day, these are "parent-open performances":

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd 2:45 PM AND 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 24th 2:45 PM AND 6:00 PM

**Please be aware, the Fourth Grade is not performing after school on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Reflections and Science Fair...

Let's all congratulate Peter Kim! Peter won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Hawthorne Science Fair, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the SLCS D Science fair, and...an Honorable mention at the STATE Reflections Level! Peter had amazing projects for both. His reflections project featured Lego stop motion about protect the Earth from harm, while his science fair project showed evidence about how mask mandates were

overall effective in protecting school districts from COVID-19. See his science project below!

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**-Tim Notke**

## Students Speak about Hawthorne...

"The education here is fun. I enjoy PE, art, and recess. I made a lot of friends here. My teacher is amazing."

"The experience here has been amazing and has prepared me for middle school in the best way possible. "

"The 7 years I was at Hawthorne have been a true experience and the challenges I overcame here will help me through the real world."

## Students Speak about their Experience with the Spanish Program...

### How do you feel about Spanish?

- *I really like learning Spanish.*
- *Maestra Angela makes it fun and makes something hard to learn simple.*
- *I really enjoy Spanish.*

### What do you think of Maestra?

- *She's really kind.*
- *Maestra is always fun and happy and tries her best to teach kids.*
- *Maestra makes Spanish so much better.*

### What's your favorite part of Spanish?

- *My favorite part is everything. Everything we learn is equally enjoyable.*
- *Everything about Spanish and Spanish is fun.*

***Thanks for Reading the  
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