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newsletter

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear ELP Families,

I am grateful to have associated with you and your children as principal of Hawthorne and wish to share something I know to be true about gifted children:

Everyone has an opinion about giftedness and gifted programs. Some embrace this wholeheartedly and others contend that "all children are gifted." This generalization is off base and an attempt to equalize children who are not equal.

Academic achievement is not always associated with gifted children. Some high achievers are not gifted, and some gifted children are not high achievers.

Because these first two statements are true, your gifted children need advocates. All students need advocates, but your children may be seen by others as privileged or elite. They are not. They are children who are at risk if their academic and social/ emotional needs are not met.

Please continue to advocate and believe in your children the way Hawthorne does and I have during my time as principal. Thank you for sharing them with me for over a decade. The Hawthorne students are the "bright lights" I will miss the most at the end of this year.

Sincerely,
Marian Broadhead

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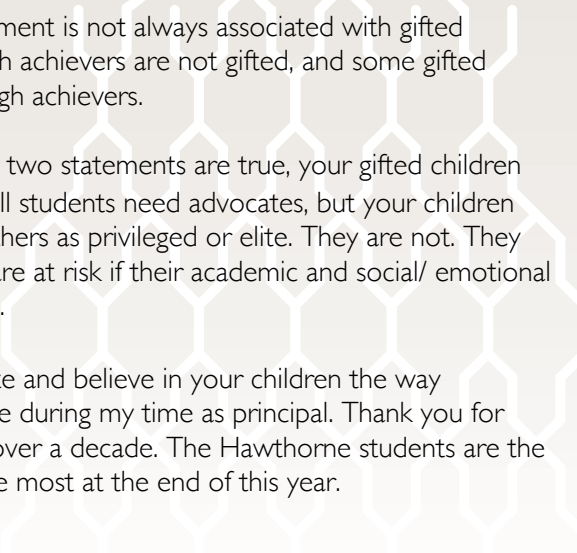
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Dear ELP Families,

We have almost made it! As busy parents, we've nearly survived a school year that included a pandemic, political unrest, and a hurricane-force windstorm. Our kids and their teachers have adapted repeatedly and have found ways to make this school year successful. It is a fantastic feeling to see normality right on the horizon.

This year is my eleventh year with children in the Hawthorne ELP program. I had many big ideas about how to strengthen our community and the tenets that make it exceptional - volunteerism, collaboration, and contribution. Instead, I learned about flexibility and running Zoom meetings while the committee members worked hard to keep this program alive.

I have been lucky to meet so many amazing parents that value this program. Our steering committee is a powerhouse of working parents who take time out to give what they have. This year, we've had members Zooming in from the on-call room at the hospital, from the soccer field sidelines, and even from isolation when covid knocked them down. Every parent is welcome to join us and help shape the future of Hawthorne ELP.

I hope that next year will bring us all back together, strong and excited and ready to invest our time into this fantastic program again. Enjoy this beautiful spring, and we'll see you in the fall!

Heather Reynolds
2020-21 Steering Committee Chair
steering@hawthorne-elp.com

CONGRATULATIONS
MRS. VAN METER!

Welcome to the new arrival in the Van Meter family!
Mrs. Van Meter had a baby boy named Asher
on April 20th - 6 lbs. 12 oz., 19.25 inches.
We wish them all the best.



YEARBOOKS

As the end of the school year approaches the PTA has its eyes on a yearbook. This is certainly an extraordinary year to remember so be part of it by ordering a yearbook and contributing to it. The PTA has shared the following information:

You can pre-order a school yearbook now! Find information here (<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>) with the code "5954521". We are also still collecting creative Zoom photos for this year's yearbook! Please send photos of your students to themerilcarter@hotmail.com or text to 801-808-1952.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Mrs. Van Meter's class working with Artist-In-Residence "Mr. Roger" via Zoom

This winter, artist Roger Whiting spent four weeks with our students, working on "Art of India: An Overview of Artistic Traditions both Old and Recent." Students learned about historical art from India and then used provided art supplies to draw, paint, and sculpt their creations - all over Zoom!

This work culminated in two gorgeous banners that grace the front hallway at our school. If you haven't seen them in person, please take a look when it becomes possible. They are even more fantastic in person!



We are so grateful to Roger and to the City Arts Council, who awarded the Hawthorne ELP Parent Organization an Artist-in-the-Classroom grant that made this experience possible. According to the Arts Council, "artist-in-the-Classroom grants provide funding for elementary schools in the Salt Lake City School District to support the placement of professional artists in the classroom during school hours."

We are also grateful to you for your generous donations that allowed us to supplement the art supply bags when it became clear that each student would need individual supplies. The steering committee applies for and organizes artist- or scientist-in-residence experiences for our community. If you have ideas for another unique learning experience, please let us know!



JOIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Spring has arrived. Petals are carpeting the streets from the blossoming trees, pollen from these same trees is carpeting our sinuses and baby animals gambol happily amidst it all. Spring is also, according to our bylaws, time to vote for Steering Committee officers for the 2021-2022 school year. The following elected positions need to be filled:

- The Chair-elect shall act as an aide to the Chairperson, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence or disability of that officer to act, and shall serve as the next year's Chairperson.
- The Community Council Representative shall represent the Hawthorne Extended Learning Program and serve as a liaison to the neighborhood School Community Council.
- The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the organization and of the Steering Committee and shall perform such other duties as delegated to that person by the Committee.
- The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the ELP Parent Organization which shall be separate from other funds and shall keep a full and accurate account of the receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement from time to time when requested by the Steering Committee and shall make a full report at the regular meeting of the members in the spring. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the books of account and records.

The above are positions that must be presented to our community for a vote. If you are interested in fulfilling one of these roles, or have a suggestion of someone to fill a position, please contact chair-elect@hawthorne-elp.com to be put in contact with the Nominating Committee.

In addition to the above elected positions, we also have several volunteer roles that are critical to a fully functional parent organization. We would love to have you assist with:

- Fundraising -- The increase in Spanish costs makes a fundraising committee a crucial component.
- Newsletter -- We need editors, graphic artists, and/or general creatives to help disseminate information to our parents and prospective parents.
- PTA Rep -- Help us bridge the information gap between Hawthorne's PTA and our ELP committee. Ensure we know the happenings in the school at large and support the general school community.
- Volunteer Coordinator -- We should (hopefully) be able to have parents in the classroom again next year. We need someone to support all the class parents and coordinate and collect volunteer hours. The loss of parents in the classroom has been one of my greatest sorrows during Covid. I miss my children being able to benefit from the amazing parent community we have. Let's revitalize our volunteer efforts next year if we are allowed the privilege to be in the classroom again.
- New Parent Representative -- Help incoming kindergarten families as well as our first-grade families who may need a hand getting to know the ropes after this unique year.
- Audit Committee (2-3 volunteers, limited engagement over the summer) -- Please help us review the prior-year financials by assisting with our internal audit.

If you'd be willing to fulfill one of these roles, please contact the steering committee at steering@hawthorne-elp.com. I look forward to working with you next year.

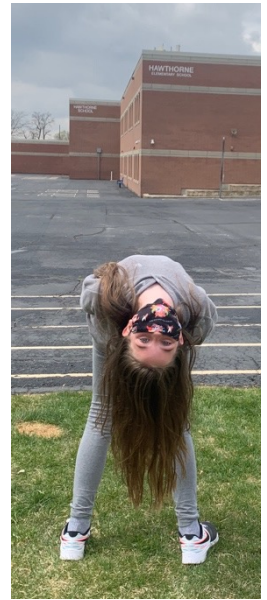
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Returning to In-Person School - Katherine Kelly and Amanda Van Meter - 4th Grade

Returning to a sense of normalcy has been a great relief. While it was daunting at first, I am thrilled that we took the leap and made it happen. Students and teachers did amazing work during remote learning, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have sustained such a productive learning environment as long as we did. However, seeing faces in real-life is highly preferable - even if they are masked. Watching students play and interact at recess puts an instant smile on your face after such a long stretch of seeing boxes on Zoom. Return to in-person school is the boost in morale I think we all needed. My gratitude goes out to everyone who has taken safety precautions seriously so that we could get back in school and stay here. - Mrs. Kelly



Mrs. Van Meter's students dancing in the socially-distanced classroom during a "brain break"



Mrs. Kelly's students having a blast on the playground!

SAVE THE DATE: May 14th HAWTHORNE ELP Dinner Night

Local caterers Natalie and Annabeth of *Upscale Comfort Food* are offering a special meal kit night for the Hawthorne ELP community! 25% of proceeds benefit our program. Stay tuned for more details about menu options and how to order - meals will include a kid-friendly entrée, salad, and dessert for 6-8 people. Pick up and delivery options will be available.

Learn more and get a sneak peek of their menus at

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



Dear Parents,

We know this has been a challenging year to say the least. Thank you for your willingness to continue helping our ELP community through your volunteer efforts. We want to thank those who have continued to work with their classes through grading, zoom meetings, small group sessions, etc. If you have volunteer hours to report, please send them to volunteercoordinator@hawthorne-elp.com.

Thank you again for all you do to support our program.
Deanne Brocato, ELP Volunteer Coordinator

STAY CONNECTED with HAWTHORNE ELP

Visit our website: <https://www.hawthorne-elp.com/>

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Hawthorne-ELP-139170081206027/>

Don't forget, you can donate to Hawthorne ELP via Facebook too!

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR PRINCIPAL BROADHEAD

Mrs. Broadhead has been a tireless advocate for our program. She helped us save Spanish and has always worked to ensure that our children have the support they need to achieve and grow at their pace. Please send a short note of appreciation and well wishes to Principal Marian Broadhead on her retirement.

The PTA will compile all of these into a photo memory book. Pictures encouraged - a picture of yourself, your family, your kids, a drawing from your kids, a picture with her. Please send it to:

PrincipalBroadheadMemories@gmail.com by May 5th.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE ••••••••••••••••••••••

Hello again from the fundraising committee. The countdown to the end of the 2020-21 school year has begun. Just 7 short weeks until we trade hybrid learning for sun, fun and outdoor adventures.

We are pleased to report that this year's fundraising efforts have been a success, thanks to the generous donations from ELP families and friends. Together we raised more than \$20,000. As you have heard, costs for Spanish education continue to increase and our operating budget for 2021-22 is our largest yet. **Our total annual fundraising goal is \$45,000, and we aim to raise \$25,000 of the total before the end of this school year.** We realize this is a lofty goal and we know we can do it. Receiving donations in advance allows us to budget and prepare more effectively for the full school year, and to start off strong.

To get us moving toward our 2021-22 goal, we have kicked things off with a Facebook donation campaign (www.facebook.com/donate/530784821242254/10226251246769276/). **One of our dedicated families has pledged to match up to \$5,000 of donations received through the end of April, and we are well on our way there.** We are also reaching out to community businesses for donations and will apply for educational grants. Our goal is to find a group of local donors that will make recurring contributions to secure annual support and complement ELP family donations. If you work for a generous community business, let us know - we have created a fundraising brochure you can share or leave it to us to reach out.

We continue to build the fundraising committee with parent volunteers. We appreciate those who have reached out to volunteer, and we are looking for a couple more volunteers to help with our efforts. We realize that there are numerous pulls on our time, and we only ask for 2-4 hours per month as a commitment. Please contact fundraising@hawthorne-elp.com to learn more and to volunteer.

We are looking forward to the 2021-22 school year and the opportunity to build our community in-person again. Donations for next years' programming are always welcome. We realize that 2020-21 has many limitations and any amount is appreciated. It is easy to donate on our [website](#) or through our [Facebook page](#). **Please donate today through our Facebook fundraiser [matching campaign](#) and double the impact of your donation!**

Thank you for your continued support and generous donations.
Kristi Glotzbach and Lance Meister

The Hawthorne ELP Parent Organization raises funds through voluntary donations to support programs and teachers. We raise and distribute funds for supplies for programs such as Opera for Children, Shakespeare, Good Masters and Sweet Ladies!, Spanish, and Artist- or Scientist-in-Residence. We also fund teachers' continued education, including conferences, speakers, and materials. Any donation to the organization is completely voluntary and will not affect any child's eligibility for or admission into the Hawthorne ELP program. All children in the Hawthorne ELP program will be able to participate fully in Hawthorne's ELP programs and activities, regardless of whether any contribution or donation is made. The decisions about how to use the funds raised from parents and grants is directed by the Steering Committee with input from administrators, teachers, and parents. The Hawthorne ELP Parent Organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and not affiliated with Salt Lake City School District. The district is not soliciting or requiring payment of these funds.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of Hawthorne ELP families, we met our fundraising goal of \$20,000 for the 2020-2021 school year! We received over 75 donations on behalf of 45% of our ELP students.

Your contributions enable our teachers to dream bigger and help our students to dig deeper. Thank you for making a difference. So far this year ELP donations have have paid for:

- Spanish Instruction and curriculum
- Countless critical classroom supplies for all grades
- Current publications for classrooms
- Math competition entry fees
- Professional development for our teachers
- Artist in Residence supplies for students

As you know, we are currently raising funds for our 2021-2022 school year. Please donate now if you are able so that we can continue these enriching programs.

You can donate on our website, www.hawthorne-elp.com, via Facebook, PayPal, by cash or check. PayPal has been having some linking issue so be sure to double check that the payee is "Hawthorne ELP."

With gratitude,
Emily Benton, ELP Treasurer

2021 - 2022 DONATION FORM

All donations to Hawthorne ELP directly benefit our students and are tax-deductible. A receipt will be issued for total annual donations of \$250 or greater. Receipts for donations less than \$250 are available on request. Contact treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com for more information.

- Parent/Guardian Name: _____
- Email address: _____
- Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

TOTAL 2021-22 DONATION \$ _____

HOW TO DONATE TO HAWTHORNE ELP

WEBSITE: www.hawthorne-elp.com click the "donate" button on the top left

FACEBOOK: Visit our Facebook page and click the Donate button.
<https://www.facebook.com/Hawthorne-ELP-139170081206027/>

CASH OR CHECK: Checks payable to Hawthorne ELP. Please include this donation form with your payment and drop off to the ELP mailbox in the school's main office or mail to:

Emily Benton, ELP Treasurer
2849 E Millicent Dr, SLC UT 84108

PAYPAL: Scan the QR code at right or send a PayPal transfer to treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com Please designate the student's name and classroom in memo.



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