

newsletter letter from the principal

Dear ELP Families,

Our students are finishing End of Level, KEEP and RISE state assessments this month and many of you recently received your students AAPPL scores. This can be a stressful time for your children. With this in mind, Hawthorne's ELP staff and I understand that standardized assessments are not "one size fits all." For our students at the top end of the performance spectrum, this is actually limited learning. To be able to measure ELP students' learning and understanding, we look at a range of assessment tools. One of the best opportunities for them to demonstrate, transfer, and apply what they have learned is through PX and class projects presented at the Share Fair. Please take join us on 29 May for this important night as we celebrate student learning.

In August, parents of 3rd grade students will receive letters indicating what class their students will attend for the 2019-20 school years. We welcome all our new ELP families and their students. Hawthorne is an outstanding school. Thank you to our families who are a big part of our success.

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Sincerely,

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To say that this year has brought challenges and surprises is an understatement. As you are all aware, the Spanish program came under district scrutiny and, as of a few weeks ago, was all but gone. However, in a twist of fate, as if in some sort of fiction novel, the program was ultimately saved. Moreover, it was saved by the unsuspecting heroes: our kids! With a last-minute, mandated test, they outperformed everyone's expectations and demonstrated the effectiveness of the program, which has been a part of Hawthorne ELP for a decade. As a result, **the Spanish program is alive and well, and will continue very much like the program we cherish**. The district will even provide professional development to Maestra Angela throughout the summer and the coming school year.

With this wonderful news, the new challenge we face is more fundraising efforts than in prior years. Though loftier than what we have had to raise in the past, we have no doubt that we will meet our goals. We have seen what incredible things this community can accomplish. As a parent organization, we are tasked with purchasing Spanish materials for every student in order to not infringe on copyright laws, potentially pay a higher hourly rate to Maestra Angela (this hinges on her certifications), and continue to support all our other amazing programs such as Opera, Shakespeare, and more. We will work with foundations, corporations and our amazing community to reach and hopefully exceed our fundraising goals.

We invite you to the Share Fair (May 29th, 6-7:30 pm), where we will share the aggregated Spanish test results and educate us all about our fundraising efforts we plan to pursue. If you are part of an organization with community grant opportunities, a CEO of a business wanting to invest in Hawthorne's powerful educational programs, or even a grandparent who wants to invest in your grandchild's enrichment education, please share these interests with the incoming Steering Committee.

It certainly took a village to accomplish what looked to be a dire outcome. It was the behindthe-scenes work that contributed to the positive difference. Thank you to Maestra Angela for wowing the district with your charm, intellect, and passion with the kids. Thank you to Britta Berkey and Cindy Thornton for investing so much time into the course curriculum the district required. Thank you to Abby Kaplan for providing incredible research, which helped our efforts with the program. Thank you to teachers Julie Henderson, Marilyn Taft and Leslie Edwards for your research, analysis, guidance and insight. Thank you to all the amazing teachers, Steering committee members and parents who researched, called, and investigated on all of our behalves. Thank you to School Board member (and previous Hawthorne ELP parent) Dr. Katherine Kennedy, whose unwavering commitment to our school and kids was most beneficial. And thank you especially to Principal Marian Broadhead. Without her commitment, her time sacrifice, the school's funds to pay for the testing, and more, this incredible program would have most certainly been lost. It has been an honor to volunteer alongside such an amazing group of individuals.

Meghann Kopecky and Matt Thiese ELP Steering Committee Co-Chairs 2018-19 <u>steering@hawthorne-elp.com</u>

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Would you like to contribute to the Fall issue of the ELP Newsletter? Send your ideas and content to the newsletter co-editors: Melanie Steiner-Sherwood <u>m.steiner.sherwood@gmail.com</u> and Kathleen Wilson <u>kathwwils@gmail.com</u>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

For the next school year, we are looking to raise close to \$40,000 (in year's past we have raised around \$23,500). We encourage you to think about any organization, corporation, foundation that is committed to education and innovative programs. If you work for such a company, please contact the Steering committee and apply for/present to/encourage support for our amazing programs, including, but not limited to Spanish. Below is our district approved language for our fundraising efforts.

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! Sweet Ladies!, Spanish, and more. 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.

We will kick off our fundraising for the 2019-20 school year at Share Fair. Advance donations received now help us get off to a great start in the fall and allow us to support the teachers as they make purchases for their classrooms and prepare the new school year.

If you have any fundraising ideas, concerns, or questions, contact the Steering Committee at steering@hawthorne-elp.com.

2019-20 DONATION FORM

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

HOW TO DONATE TO HAWTHORNE ELP

TOTAL 2019-20 DONATION: \$ _____

SHARE FAIR: Bring your check, cash or credit card to Share Fair on May 29.

CASH OR CHECK:

Checks payable to Hawthorne ELP. Please include this donation form with your payment and drop off to the ELP mailbox at the school's main office, or mail to: Devin Close, ELP Treasurer, 1759 S 1700 E SLC, UT 84108

PAYPAL:

Use the following URL: <u>www.paypal.me/HawthorneELP</u> or do a PayPal transfer to <u>treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com</u> Please designate the student's name and classroom in memo.

AMAZON SMILE:

If you shop using Amazon, please use <u>smile.amazon.com</u> and select "ELP Hawthorne Parent Organization" as your charity we receive 0.5% of every eligible purchase from the Amazon Smile Foundation



VOLUNTEERING

A huge thank you to all of our ELP classroom volunteers!! So far this year, ELP volunteers have logged over 3,900 volunteer hours. The involvement of parents, grandparents, and friends helps our program to expand the learning of our students. From field trip chaperones, math groups, artists, book clubs, scientists all the way to file clerks, every volunteer hour helps our teachers and children to learn and grow in new and exiting ways. We are so grateful to each of you for this contribution.

As we look ahead to next year, each ELP classroom will need a parent volunteer coordinator. This person works closely with the teacher and other parents to devise a volunteer schedule and communicate regularly with the class. The Classroom Coordinator records volunteer hours and reports them to steering committee.

If you are interested in being a Classroom Coordinator next year please contact the steering committee: <u>steering@hawthorne-</u> <u>elp.org</u>

- Emily Benton, ELP Volunteer Coordinator







UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

May 29 – SHARE FAIR and ELP Parent Meeting

June 3 – Field Day and Yearbook Day

June 5 – Last Day of School, $\frac{1}{2}$ Day

June 6 – PTA End of Year Party at Jump Around

Utah, 6-8pm; \$5 per child, free pizza provided!

SAVETHE DATE...

August 19 - First Day of School

September 6 – PTA Hawk Walk

September 12 – ELP Fall Fundraiser Celebration

Access the full school district calendar for next year

at www.slcschools.org/calendars/2019-20/

Looking ahead to next year... after-school programs available for Hawthorne Students At Hawthorne:

- Salt Lake City School District Community Education program. Hawthorne coordinator Olivia Zamaro (cell: 801.907.5478) organizes activities here at our school that include art enrichment, gym games and monthly field trips.
 - www.slcschools.org/departments/educational-equity-and-student-support/community-education/
- Creative Combinations Chess program (grades 2-6). Contact Olivia Zamaro (cell: 801.907.5478) at Hawthorne for more information.
- Art First/Arte Primero (grades K-6) arts/Spanish language enrichment program
 - www.arteprimero.com/after-school-1

Off-site full-time programs with transportation provided:

- Art First/Arte Primero (grades K-6) <u>www.arteprimero.com/after-school-1</u>
- YouthCity Liberty Park (grades 3-8) <u>www.slc.gov/youthandfamily/youth-programs/youthcity-liberty-park/</u>
- Boys and Girls Club Sugarhouse (age 4 grade 6) <u>www.gslclubs.org/licensed-child-care/sugar-house-club.html</u>
- JCC Club J (grades 1-6) <u>slcjcc.org/youth-teen/club-j-afterschool</u>

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Hawthorne ELP Student and Alumni Accolades

Our congratulations to:

Maya Marsh, 5th grade – Utah Symphony Youth Guild winner in elementary piano division Megan Tandar, 8th grade ELP at West – Utah Symphony Youth Guild winner in junior piano division

Caroline Durham, Senior IB student at Skyline/Gifted Music School Conservatory – National MTNA Music Competition winner in senior string performance division

Josephine Holubkov, Senior IB student at West – Wasatch Front Sterling Scholar winner in World Languages

SHAKESPEARE





6th Grade, Henderson – Twelfth Night





5th Grade, Taft – Comedy of Errors







SHAKESPEARE

4th Grade, Van Meter – Romeo and Juliet











OPERAS 2nd Grade, Clark – "Explorers vs. Pit"





2nd Grade, Kelly – ''The Tomato Takeover''





Ist Grade, Dunn – ''The Problem of the Baobob Seeds''

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Kindergarten, Bradley – ''The Rocks, the Animals, and the Lost Water''





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ALL-ELP FIELD TRIPS Liberty Park









Loveland Living Planet Aquarium









