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newsletter

letter from the principal

Dear ELP Families,

Hawthorne students recently participated in an annual Day of Service with student volunteers from Westminster College. During this event, our students worked with the college volunteers to tie blankets, which were given to veterans at the VA hospital, and made treats for animals in the local pound. They filled book bags with school supplies and made hygiene kits. Cardboard boxes were decorated by kindergarten students for the Food Bank. While they worked, our students heard firsthand from the Westminster students how meaningful and important it is to be in college. I am sure working together all of them enjoyed doing something for others be they two-legged or four-legged.

I am always touched by the kind acts of service that happen every day at school. I have seen three young scholars from room # 12 serve as math tutors to students in room # 8. I have seen two bus riders sit with a frightened student who was taking an ELP bus for the first time to make sure she was safe. Every year I see PX and Science Fair projects focused on helping others or inventing something to make life easier for others. At last year's Science Fair, a student displayed an invention he built to help the elderly put on compression socks. It worked! A few years ago a student in Mrs. Henderson's class produced a commercial with her classmates for the national "Souper Bowl of Caring" food drive event during which she helped collect hundreds of food items for the Utah Food Bank. I see ELP parents cooping at school every day serving our students and for this I am deeply grateful.

In the book "The Hidden Gifts of Helping" by Stephen G. Post the author states that "a part of our brain lights up when we help others and we feel joy and delight." He calls this the "helper's brain." May we all have joy and delight serving others this season.

Sincerely,

— Marian Broadhead

Hawthorne Elementary Principal

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dig deeper



first annual combined elp field trip to liberty park

Wednesday, September 28th marked the first annual all-ELP field trip to Liberty park. Each class paired with another class and we walked together to the park. At the park, each group had three rotations. We had a scavenger hunt, time to teach something to a younger grade, and free time on the playground. Then we all ate lunch together and headed back to Hawthorne. It was a wonderful day, but don't take my word for it. Here's Charlie Frech, a sixth grader, and his account of the day: "The ELP K-6 fieldtrip was a blast. Entering the kindergarten classroom was like turning on

thousands of lights. They all had the brightest smiles that I had ever seen. I got paired with Luke, probably the nicest kindergartener I had ever met. On the walk I learned his favorite color, animal, sport, and what he wanted to be when he grew up. We got there and saw the shiny metallic playground and sprinted towards it. Right away we were in a game of tag with 6th grader William Clingenpeel and his adorable younger brother. Later, all of the sixth-graders taught the kindergarteners about light, waves, air resistance, and color while we played with the colorful parachute. We then went on an exciting scavenger hunt and found flowers, pinecones, and spider webs. Then we ate lunch and headed back to school. This personally was one of my favorite memories at Hawthorne elementary school from the seven years I have been here".

-Mrs. Henderson - 6th grade ELP teacher & Charlie Frech





welcome maestra jenny peck



Our new Spanish instructor Maestra Jenny Peck started in the classrooms in early October. Jenny is a native of Santiago, Chile and is currently working at the McKee Language School. She has structured her schedule to work with our children in the morning and then at McKee in the afternoon. She also has past experience working in the SLC School District. We're fortunate to have Jenny and we look forward to an excellent year of Spanish instruction!

artist in residence - kimberly johnson

We are honored to have Kimberly Johnson as our artist in residence this year. The children will work with Kimberly to produce a bound book of poetry that will certainly be a treasure for years to come.

Kimberly Johnson is the author of three collections of poetry, most recently *Uncommon Prayer*, as well as book-length translations from Latin and Greek poetry. As a scholar, she has published numerous works about the history of poetry. Recipient of fellowships and awards from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, she teaches creative writing and Renaissance literature at BYU.

Her work has appeared recently in *The New Yorker*, *Slate*, *The Iowa Review*, *32 Poems*, and *The Yale Review*, and her translations from Latin and Greek have been published in literary and academic journals.



student spotlight

emmett strand

4th grade ELP student, Emmett Strand comes from a family of dance lovers. His great grandparents were ballroom dancers their entire lives and his mom

was trained in ballet starting at age 6. He was first introduced to a ballet class shortly after the first time he was taken to see Ballet West's Nutcracker in 2015. His mom was in the very same Nutcracker production 35 years earlier and couldn't wait for her son to also see the ballet. At that performance, a sign asking for children to come and try a class at the Ballet West Academy was displayed in the lobby. That was all the encouragement he needed to want to try ballet since he enjoyed watching the Nutcracker so much. Only six months later, he auditioned to be in the Nutcracker and was given the role of "Spank Boy" which was a really fun and exciting part. Emmett truly enjoys taking classes at Ballet West. After his first class he explained why he likes it so much, "You get a workout, you listen to great music and you make new friends, mostly girls."

Emmett will be performing in Ballet West's Fundraiser Gala, Madame Butterfly in November and will also appear as one of the "Party Boys" in the Nutcracker this holiday season.



ben watanabe



Ben Watanabe is a 6th grade ELP student in Mrs. Henderson's class. He is also an award winning chess player. Ben started playing chess recreationally in 2nd grade. He enjoyed it so much he played against others online in his spare time. Ben started competing in Chess tournaments soon after. Some of his highest ranking wins include the Utah Elementary State Championship in 2016 as well as placing 1st out of all ages in the Colorado Open Chess Tournament this year! Ben really admires his Scholastic coach, Michael Morris-Pearce and Ben says he might want to be a Chess coach someday. Ben's other interests are 9 square, video games including BTB Battles Mobile, and he plans to own a

Ford Excursion someday. He also takes piano lessons from his mother, Vera Watanabe.

We would like to wish Ben the best in his last Elementary State Championship that will be held in March of 2017.



Here's Ben playing Chess against a Stanford graduate.

Do you have a story you think should be considered for the next ELP newsletter? Please email Deena Rutter at deenarutter@gmail.com with details.

volunteer spotlight - tasha cook stolz

Last school year, Tasha Cook Stolz was a new parent to the ELP program. Her daughter Madeleine was in my 1st grade class. She came in eager and excited to help out in any way she could. One of my responsibilities as a teacher was to be in charge of the Passport to Geography, for which I asked a co-oper to help facilitate this program. Tasha chose to co-op in this capacity. However, she did more than just help me with the program. She took it upon herself to run the program. It took many hours to cut up stamps that are passed out to the students as they pass off countries, and also a lot of hours and phone calls coordinating parents to come and volunteer. She meets with them and teaches and guides them on how to volunteer. In fact, she did such a wonderful job last year we asked her to do it again this year. Of course,



she was happy to help knowing the time that would need to be dedicated to making sure that this program is successful for the students and teachers who wish to participate. Tasha always has a smile on her face and great attitude about helping out in every capacity.

I have appreciated her help tremendously with the Passport to Geography program. She has saved me those precious hours, so that I can focus on other things in my class.

- Tricia Torres
2nd grade ELP teacher

upcoming dates

Nov. 23/24/25 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 5 Spelling Bee

Dec. 26 - Jan.6 Winter Break

Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

Jan. 19 Geography Bee

Jan. 26 Science Fair
Science Night 5:30-7:00

Jan. 27 Science Fair

Feb. 15-16
Good Masters, Sweet Ladies

Feb. 20 Presidents Day

Feb. 22/23/24 SEP Conferences
Half days of school

March 3 No School

March 28-30 Shakespeare Week
After school performances 3/29 & 3/30

April 10 - 14 Spring Recess

May 23 ELP Share Fair

May 26/29 No School

June 2 School ends

from the treasurer

Thank you to all the families who have donated for the 2016-2017 school year! Currently, 65% of our families have donated, so we still have a long way to go before meeting our fundraising goal for the year. With the end of the 2016 calendar year rapidly approaching, please consider making your year-end, tax-deductible donation today.

Your funds are already being used to support teachers and their classrooms, field trips, teacher professional development, math competitions for older grades, publications, special events, and much more.

This includes our Spanish program which is funded entirely by Hawthorne ELP families. Our new instructor, Maestra Jenny, is fantastic and is in each classroom every day providing a truly unique and enriching experience for our students. Let's make sure we have the funds to cover Maestra Jenny's salary for the full year, so if you haven't made your Spanish donation, please consider doing so today.

If you are not sure whether you have donated this year, please contact me and I will let you know. The suggested donation per student is \$50 for ELP enrichment funds and \$100 for the Spanish language program. If the recommended \$150/student is outside what you are comfortable with, please consider giving at any level.

There are many ways to donate (see below) including shopping through AmazonSmile this holiday season. To register your Amazon account with Hawthorne as your selected charity go to AmazonSmile.com and search for 'ELP Hawthorne'. With each eligible purchase the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price to our program. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns and thanks for making our Hawthorne ELP community so great!

- Devin Close
 2016-17 ELP Steering Committee Treasurer
 Contact treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com with any questions.

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