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"Living and learning with purpose"

Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

What a pleasure it was to celebrate our Employees of the Year at the Board meeting last week. Congratulations to Barbara Scornaienchi and Nena Serrato!

Monday, April 15, we will honor our crossing guard, Roy Wilson. Mr. Wilson is an absolute treasure to our Hawkins community and we will be celebrating him at our Unity Assembly on Monday morning. Please take a moment to show him gratitude for his service.

When we return from Spring Break, our 3rd – 8th graders will be taking the CAASPP test. This is an online test that students will take on a Chromebook. There are some things you can do to help set your child up for success.

- Be sure to have your student get a good night's sleep during testing
- Be sure to have children eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school
- Get your child to school on time and do not pull them out in the morning for appointments
- Get your child their own set of earbuds they are comfortable using during testing

We use this assessment data for student placement in classes, identifying students who are GATE, identifying students who may require intervention, and to monitor students' growth over time and refine our practices. It is therefore critical that students show what they know and do their best!

Upcoming Events

Apr 15 – Roy Wilson Appreciation Day

Apr 17 – TB Clearance

Apr 17 – HPFC Meeting at 6:30PM

Apr 17 – Graduation Sub Committee Chair Meeting

Apr 18 – 2nd Grade GVM Visit

Apr 19 – 28 – No School Spring Break

Apr 20 – 8th Grade Parent Work Day

Apr 29 – School Resumes

Apr 30 – [CAASPP Testing Window Begins](#)

Apr 30 – Chipotle Dinner Night Out

Apr 30-May 2 – 2nd Grade GATE Testing

May 1 – Graduation Sub Committee Meeting

May 2 - Jump Rope for Heart

May 3 – 1st Grade Zoo to You Presentation

May 3 – TK-5th Grade Fun Friday

May 7 – [HPFC Board Elections](#)

May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week

[Link to Staff Favorite Things](#)

May 10 – Moms and Muffins

May 13-17 – 8th Grade Exit Interviews

May 16 – 8th Grade Honors Night

May 17 – Ice Cream Social

May 17 – 6th-8th Grade Dance

May 24 – 8th Grade Trip to Great America

May 27 – No School - Memorial Day

May 28 – 6th Grade Greek Olympics

May 29 – Last Day of School/Graduation



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April 1, 2019

Dear Jefferson School District Families:

From April 29th to May 17th, students in 3rd to 8th grade will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments in Math and ELA, which are part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System. School sites will send out important reminders and a more detailed schedule for students.

Why are the tests important?

The tests were created with teacher input to...

- Measure how well your child has mastered the skills and content standards at his or her grade level.
- Align with the instruction that takes place in the classroom every day.
- Match the learning goals of each grade level.
- Assess critical thinking, analytical writing, and problem solving skills, which are needed for success in college and a 21st century career.

The test has different kinds of questions, including traditional multiple-choice questions as well as ones that require students to explain their answers, show their work, and compose essays.

What should I expect after my student takes the test?

New for next school year, you will receive access to view an electronic score report in the parent portal for your student. The report will show how the student is doing in each area and where help is needed. Depending on the student's results, teachers can use this information to provide targeted help to address specific needs.

But remember, the results from this test aren't meant to tell the whole story. Your child's scores are meant to be one of several ways for you and your child's teacher to see how your student is progressing in school. Test scores, along with student report cards and teacher's observations of your child's performance in the classroom, are used together to form a complete picture of your child's achievement.

Students in grades three through eight who have an IEP that designates the use of an alternate assessment are eligible to take the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) in ELA and mathematics. The goal of the CAAs is to ensure that students with the most significant cognitive disabilities attain increasingly higher achievement levels and leave high school ready for academic or career options. The test items are aligned with the Common Core State Standards for ELA and mathematics and are based on the Core Content Connectors, which were developed with three tiers of complexity. If you would like

more information or resources about alternate assessments, please visit the CDE's CAASPP Alternate Assessments Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/altassessment.asp>.

In addition to the mathematics and ELA assessments, students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the California Science Test (CAST) or the CAA for Science Test. California's new state standards for science call for students to think and work like scientists and engineers, asking questions and learning through hands-on investigation and discovery. This is the first year the CAST will be operational and students will receive a score report. The CAA is in the second year of field testing and will not provide scores for your child, it is an important step in developing an assessment that will fairly and accurately measure how students are achieving on the new science standards. For additional information about the new science tests and sample questions, please visit the CDE's CAASPP Science Assessment Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp>.

Students in grades 5 and 7 are also currently preparing and participating in the California fitness test. The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) for students in California schools is the FitnessGram®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/TA/tg/pf/>

Where can I learn more?

For information about the specific testing schedule for your child please contact the school or your child's teacher. I also encourage you to take a look at a practice test for your child's grade level. The practice tests are posted on the California Department of Education's Smarter Balanced Practice Tests Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>. To find out more details about the Smarter Balanced test, visit the "Be a Learning Hero" Web site at <http://bealearninghero.org/classroom/smarter-balanced>.

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 60615, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all of the CAASPP assessments. If you have any questions about your child's participation, please contact the school.

At Jefferson School District, our goal is for all students to achieve their full potential. The Smarter Balanced tests are just one way that we are able to better understand if we are meeting that goal. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in your child's education.

Thank you,

Sarah Steen

Sarah Steen
Coordinator of Curriculum, Categoricals and Special Projects



**THE HPFC Board is
Open For New Officers!**

**All board seats are open
for the upcoming
2019/2020 school year!**

President, VP of Committees, VP of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer

Are these questions that you can relate to:

- Interested in getting involved at school but not sure how?
- Want to learn more about what our school activities and culture are about?
- Looking to participate at school but not sure if you have the time?

Are these attributes that might describe you:

- I love to organize events but cannot always be on campus.
- I am really creative and love to help with parties and activities.
- I'm a numbers person, I'm not creative but I can bookkeep!
- I'm a social butterfly; I talk to everyone at school and love meeting new people.
- I want to help, but can't always come to events.
- I have a day job but really want to contribute in some way.

GREAT! THESE ARE ALL THINGS WE CAN WORK WITH!

Being part of the Hawkins Parent Faculty Club is fun, rewarding and REALLY helps our students and school in so many ways.

- 1 short meeting a month
- Plan fun activities for our students and staff
- Get to know the campus and staff better
- Meet new people
- Have fun & Make a difference!

Our veteran board members are here to help you every step of the way!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Nominate yourself or a friend - Nomination box is in the office
- Voting ballots will be available May 7th in the office
- Have questions? Send us an email at tomhawkinspfc@gmail.com or send a DM here <https://www.facebook.com/hawkinshuskies>

**NEW BOARD WILL BE VOTED ON IN MAY AND
ANNOUNCED AT MAY 15th MEETING!**

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HPFC HAPPENINGS

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The Hawkins Parent Faculty Club (HPFC) is a group of volunteers dedicated to assisting staff and parents with programs to enrich communication and activities that allow students to thrive.

Your contributions, whether it is your time, knowledge, or resources, make a difference. We would like to invite you to join us to make this the best year possible for our children!

Calendar of Events

~~Aug 28th – FUN RUN Kick-Off Pop Rally!~~

~~Sept 7 – FUN RUN~~

~~Sept 21 – Outdoor Movie Night, 6:30-9:00~~

~~Oct 26 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00~~

~~Nov 13-30 – See's Candy Sale~~

~~Dec 8 – Holiday Boutique, 8:00-3:00~~

~~Dec 12 – TK-4th Winter Program~~

~~Dec 13 – 5th-8th Winter Program~~

~~Jan 18 – Dads N Donuts, 7:15-8:10~~

~~Feb 15 – Parent Child Dance~~

Mar 11-29 – See's Candy Sale

Mar 15 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00

Mar 27 – Open House, 6:00-7:00

May 8 – Teacher Appreciation

May 10 – Moms N Muffins, 7:15-8:10

HPFC MEETING

Library 6:30 pm

~~August 22~~

~~September 19~~

~~October 17~~

~~November 28~~

~~December 19~~

~~January 16~~

~~February 20~~

~~March 20~~

~~April 17~~

~~May 15~~



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Tom Hawkins has partnered with Amazon to give back to our school. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Hawkins Elementary Parent Faculty Club as your charitable organization and help us earn as you shop!

DID YOU KNOW?

We accept cash, check, and credit card at most events?

Keep in Touch!

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hawkinshuskies
Email us at tomhawkinspfc@gmail.com

8th Grade News

Upcoming Important Events for 8th Graders

April 17 - Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

April 20 - Build it Day – We need parent volunteers to help with dance decorations. 8AM-12PM.

May 1 – Sub Committee Chair Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 8 – Sub Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in Library

May 16 - Honors Night Set Up 2:00pm in the MPR

May 16 - Honors Night 6:00pm in the MPR

May 17 - Ice Cream Social Set Up 11:00am (Ice Cream Social Committee)

May 17 - Ice Cream Social 1:30pm in MPR (Date change due to Great America availability)

May 24- Great America Field Trip

May 28 - Graduation Set Up 3:00pm in the MPR (ALL hands on deck!)

May 29 - Graduation Ceremony and Dance

May 30 – Graduation Clean Up 8:30am

8th Grade Parents...Two more items to go!

- 1 In the spring, each family is asked to make a 12X12 photo collage for their student. The card stock and directions have been provided to your students. These are used for Honors Night and the graduation dance

Deadline to submit photo collage: Thursday, April 18

Graduation Amazon Wish List

Would you like to help contribute to the 8th grader graduation, but perhaps don't have a lot of time? Here's a way to help out. You can make a donation of items we need through the Amazon Wish List. The items will be sent directly to the school and will be used for our many graduation events. View the Wish List by clicking on the link below:

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3CNOPM8C3TI80/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_ym_wl



Girls' & Boys' Waterpolo



Volleyball



Football

Tracy High Freshman Sports Orientation Night

www.tracyhighsports.com

There will be an informational open house for incoming Tracy High School Freshmen who are interested in trying out for sports for the 2019-20 season. Coaches will be on hand to answer any questions. Please come and join us!

WHEN: Monday, May 6, 2019

WHERE: Tracy High School Main Gym

TIME: 6:30 pm



Girls' Golf



Cross Country



Girls' Tennis

Tom Hawkins Drop-Off/Pick-Up Routes



PICK UP PROCEDURES:

TK & KINDERGARTEN – ALL TK AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE PICKED UP FROM THE GATES NEXT TO THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING

1ST-3RD GRADERS – BE SURE TO DESIGNATE YOUR CHILD’S PICK UP AREA WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR SCHEDULE OR ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL OTHER STUDENTS – PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD AND LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU WILL BE PICKING THEM UP

OPTIONS FOR PICK UP:

KINDERGARTEN GATE – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO GET THEIR CHILD. ADULT ON DUTY MUST HAVE VISUAL CONTACT WITH PARENT IN ORDER TO RELEASE THE CHILD

CAR LOOPS – PARENTS STAY IN THE CAR AND CHILDREN WAIT IN LINE FOR THEIR PARENT TO PULL UP. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN THE CAR LINE AND GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.**

GYM DOORS – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO RETRIEVE THEIR CHILD

WALKERS – STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO WALK HOME

DRESS CODE

Please review the Dress Code in our Handbook on the Jefferson District Website. Please see the graphic below for examples.

Per the district policy, the consequences for dress code violations are:

First offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes.

Second offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The student shall be assigned detention as determined appropriate by the principal or the designee.

Third offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The principal or the designee shall assign the student ten hours of community service to be performed within thirty calendar days.

Fourth and subsequent offenses: The student shall be suspended for a period of 1-5 days as determined by the principal or the designee.


JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

<p>ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE SHOES</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE SHOES</p> 



The bralette, the cold shoulder style shirt, and the cut-off style shirt are recent fashion trends that have become very popular. Parents may be wondering if they are dress code compliant. Basically, with a bralette, the shirt worn on top of the bralette must meet the dress code requirements. For cold shoulder shirts, the shoulder straps must follow the 4-finger rule. For cut-off shirts, no mid-drift should be exposed. They can be worn with an undershirt to cover the mid-drift area.

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