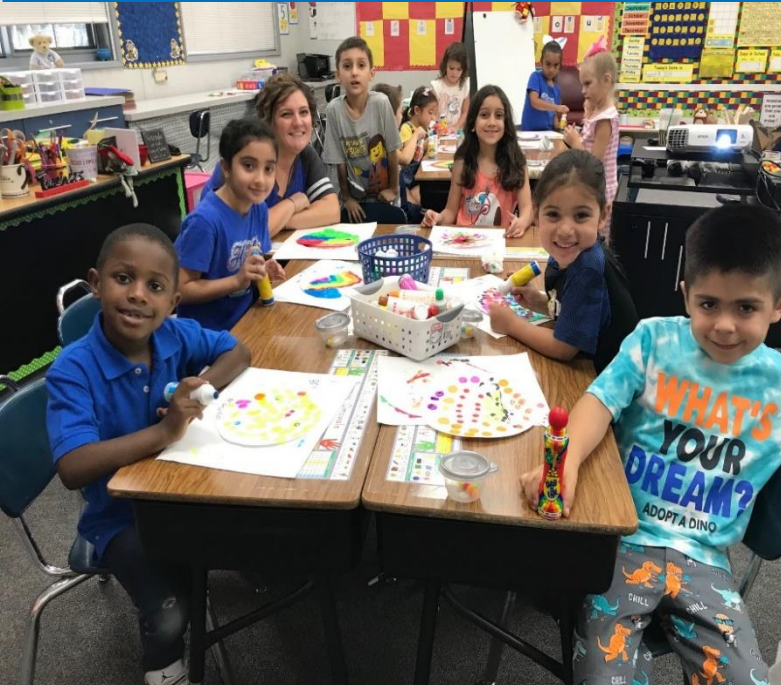


Tom Hawkins Elementary School *Home of the Huskies*

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"Make Every Moment Count"

Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

Thank you for helping make this past week a successful start to our school year! Our school theme is "Make Every Moment Count!" For me, this means focusing my priorities and being present in the game with students and teachers in classrooms for coaching opportunities. The idea is to improve instruction and build better connections with students and teachers. My goal this year is to get in two coaching days a week, where my primary focus is to be out on campus, in classrooms, and interacting with kids. In order to make this goal a reality, I will need to be strategic about scheduling my office days. Since another important part of my job is working with parents in a partnership, you can schedule face to face time with me by reaching out to my secretary, Mrs. Amani, to make an appointment. She can be reached at 209-839-2380 X1101 or via email at ramani@jsdtracy.com.

This upcoming week we invite parents to our campus for Back to School Night. This event is designed for parents, not children. We do not have supervision for children. We ask that if you must bring your child in order to attend, that you supervise them at all times. They are expected to follow campus rules while at this event. We hope you can join us!

- Aug 12 – Athletic Packets Distributed (Volleyball & Soccer)
- Aug 12 – Minimum Day 1:30PM dismissal
- Aug 13 – TK-4th Grade Back to School Night 5:30-7:00PM (Meet in the MPR)
- Aug 15 – 5th-8th Grade Back to School Night 5:30-7:00PM (Meet in the MPR)
- Aug 15 – [8th Grade Graduation Meeting](#) 7:00pm-7:30PM in MPR
- Aug 16 – Wear your Hawkins Spirit!
- Aug 19 - Minimum Day 1:30PM dismissal
- Aug 19 – Sports Contracts Due to office by 3:15PM
- Aug 20 – School Board Meeting 6:30PM at the District Office
- Aug 21 – [5th Grade Band Information Night](#) 5:00-6:30PM in MPR
- Aug 21 – HPFC Meeting in Library 6:30PM
- Aug 23 – Flip Flops Friday Spirit Day
- Aug 26 - Minimum Day 1:30PM dismissal
- Aug 26 - HPFC Fun Run Kick Off Rally
- Sep 2 – No School – Labor Day
- Sep 5 – HPFC Boosterthon Fun Run
- Sep 9 – Minimum Day 1:30PM dismissal
- Sep 10 – School Board Meeting 6:30PM at the District Office
- Sep 11 – Patriotic Day (Red, White & Blue)
- Sep 16 – Minimum Day 1:30PM dismissal
- Sep 23 – Minimum Day 1:30PM dismissal
- Sep 30 – No School – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct 1-4 – 2:00PM dismissal for Conferences



Under Constructions

Construction of the administration office has been a work in progress. We are grateful for flexible staff and families who have helped get the school year off with success. Having said that, we are working daily to creatively solve challenges that have arisen throughout the process. We'll maintain this section of the newsletter to address these issues.

Kindergarten Drop Off Passes – Due to construction, we understand that it is very inconvenient for kindergarten families to go down to the office for passes and then back to the kindergarten area. We will be issuing kindergarten drop-off passes so that kinder families coming to drop off students can go directly to the kindergarten yard. These should be available this upcoming week. Once construction is complete, we will resume our normal drop off procedures and all visitors will need to sign in.

Phones – Our office phone system is not fully functional at this point. Any reduction in office calls would be appreciated. Here are some easy ways to help:

- We are receiving loads of calls with changes to pick up directions. Please notify your child of pick up instructions prior to coming to school.
- You can email absence notifications to our Attendance Clerk, Mrs. Serrato at mserrato@jsdtracy.com rather than calling.
- Send communication directly to your child's teacher via email or a note.
- Pick your child up on time to avoid a long line of students needing to call home at the end of the day.

Deliveries - We are also being inundated with families dropping off hot lunches. Please help us out by reducing this unnecessary office traffic by having your student bring their lunch in the morning, rather than having it delivered.

Office Volunteers – Maybe you are a stay at home parent, retired, or have a flexible work schedule. We would love some extra volunteer clerical help during this time. Please reach out to Ms. Orsi by email if you are interesting in volunteering. She can be reached at corsi@jsdtracy.com

Band Information Meeting - Wednesday, August 21

Interested in joining the World Famous Tom Hawkins Elementary School Band? Our band program is open to 5th-8th Grade students. Come out and meet the band teacher Mr. Robert Brown. Mr. Brown is a UOP trained music teacher with a wealth of experience with band programs and music instruction. Instruments will be available for students to try out. The evening begins at 5:00pm on Wednesday, August 21.



What is a Mini-Monday?

In the Jefferson School District, all students are dismissed at 1:30pm. After students are released staff meets in small groups called Professional Learning Communities(PLCs) to analyze student data and collaborate on the best course of instruction for all students. This time is highly valued and critical for us to achieve our mission of ensuring ALL students learn at high levels. With 10 grade levels dismissing at the same time, it is critical that everybody follow our traffic procedures to ensure dismissal is safe and efficient. Please review the Drop Off and Pick Up routine below.

Back to School Night - Tuesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 15

Back to School Night is an opportunity to come and meet the faculty of Tom Hawkins Elementary School. Teachers will discuss their course syllabi and important information to help your student be successful.

TK-4th Grade parents should attend on August 13th from 5:30-7:00pm. This evening begins in the MPR at 5:30 with a short welcome and orientation. Classrooms open at 6:00pm. Teachers will deliver two 25-minute presentations. If you have multiple children, you can attend either session and receive all the information.

5th-8th Grade parents should attend August 15th from 5:30-7:00pm. This evening begins in the MPR at 5:30 with a short welcome and orientation. Presentation schedules will be handed out the evening of the event.

Back the School Night is the first step in becoming an involved parent, which we know is a critical piece of the puzzle in making our students successful. We know everybody is busy, but attendance at this event is highly encouraged.

8th Grade Graduation Meeting - Thursday, August 15

Can you believe the Class of 2020 is entering their final year at Hawkins? Please attend this important parent meeting on August 15 at 7:00pm in the MPR to get very important information about graduation criteria and events. Graduation committee sign-ups will be at this event. Like to be involved? There are also opportunities to take a leadership role or simply lend a hand.



Coaching Days

A critical role school administrators play is that of an instructional leader. In order to fulfill this role effectively, administrators need time in classrooms interacting with teachers and students. Some times with the day to day management of a school site, this process can get pushed behind other "hot" items. Mrs. Bessette and Ms. Orsi are making instructional leadership a top priority and parent support is going to be important. Administrators will be engaged in coaching days once a week and will have protected time scheduled. This will allow them to be in classrooms where the learning is happening.

Emails and calls to an administrator during coaching days will be answered the following day. If immediate assistance is needed, please contact the Principal's Secretary, Mrs. Amani at (209)839-2380 or via email at ramani@jsdtracy.com. We know the quality of your child's instruction is your highest priority. It is ours as well. Please support us in this endeavor to help improve instruction for ALL students!



Flip Flop Friday - Friday, August 23

Friday, August 23 is Flip Flop Friday.

Students are allowed to wear flip flops or slide sandals.

Students should bring shoes for PE.

The regular shoe dress code will resume on Monday, August 26.

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.



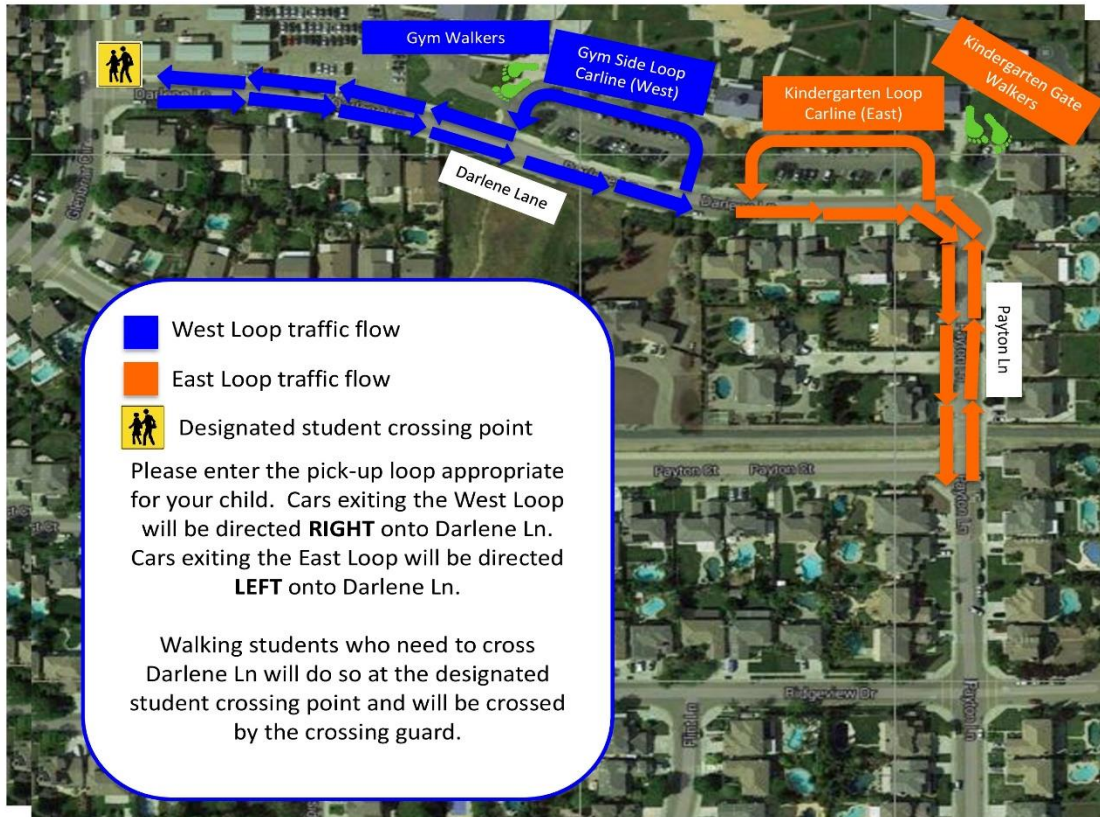
The bralette, the cold shoulder style shirt, and the cut-off style shirt are recent fashion trends that have become very popular. Parents may be wondering if they are dress code compliant. Basically, with a bralette, the shirt worn on top of the bralette must meet the dress code requirements. For cold 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.


JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

<p>ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 
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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. COMMUNICATE CHANGES WITH YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER.

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 CARLINE AND GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.

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

WALKERS – STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO WALK HOME

TOM HAWKINS

HPFC HAPPENINGS



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 8 - First Day of School
- Aug 8 – Boo Hoo Breakfast for Kdg. Parents, 8:15AM
- Aug 13 - TK-5th Back to School Night, 5:30-7:00PM
- Aug 15 - 6th-8th Back to School Night, 5:30-7:00PM
- Aug 15 - 8th Grade Grad Events Meeting, 7:00PM
- Aug 26 –FUN RUN Kick-Off Pep Rally!
- Sept 5 – FUN RUN, various times
- Sept 20 – Outdoor Movie, 7:00-9:30
- Oct 4 - Hawkins' Block Party, 5:00-8:00 (**NEW EVENT**)
- Oct 25 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00
- Nov 12-Dec 4 – Winter See's Candy Sale
- Dec 7 – Holiday Vendor Fair, 8:00-3:00
- Dec TBD – TK-4th Winter Program
- Dec TBD – 5th-8th Winter Program
- Jan 17 – VIM Day, 7:00-8:00 (**NEW EVENT**)
- Feb 28 – Parent Child Dance
- Mar 2-19 – Spring See's Candy Sale
- Mar 13 – Movie Night, 6:00-8:00
- Mar TBD – Open House, 6:00-7:00
- Apr 2 - Hawkapalooza, 5:30-7:30 (**It's Back!**)
- May 4-8 – Staff Appreciation Week
- May 1 – VIF Day, 7:00-8:00 (**NEW EVENT**)

HPFC MEETING -

Wednesday Evenings

- Hawkins Library 6:30 pm
- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 18
- January 22
- February 19
- March 18
- April 22
- May 20

We are using a new vendor for **Spiritwear** and items can now be ordered online. We will have some spirit wear available for purchase at our Back to School Events.

Do you shop using Amazon?

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 got a SQUARE... We accept cash, debit and credit card at most events.

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