

Tom Hawkins Elementary School *Home of the Huskies*

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"Make Every Moment Count"

Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

Game club is back in business! Each Friday, our 5th-8th grade students can choose to participate in our Game Club. This is a bullying free zone, indoors and out of the heat, where students can come in and play a variety of games from Uno to Sorry. With so much technology at their fingertips, we want to be sure to provide them with opportunities to interact and communicate in "old school" ways, such as face to face while playing a game. It ends up being one of the most enjoyable parts of our week and the kids get a lot out of it as well such as communication, conflict management, inclusion, and a safe space.

Tuesday, we will be hosting a delegation from our sister-city, Memuro, Japan. Each year, ten 8th grade students from Tracy, go to visit Memuro as ambassadors. It is the 30th anniversary of the Sister-City Association and so we will be visited by the mayor of Memuro as well as the mayor of Tracy, Robert Rickman. Applications for the program are currently available in the office and will be attached to the newsletter email. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to learn about another culture and experience the gift of travel.

Aug 19 - Minimum Day 1:30PM dismissal

Aug 19 - Sports Contracts Due to office
by 3:15PM

Aug 20 - Sister-City Delegation Visit

Aug 20 - [Registration for Boosterthon Fun Run](#)

Aug 20 - ASB Meeting

3:00PM in Room 24

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

TOM HAWKINS FUN RUN

STARTING NOW!



Tom Hawkins has a goal to raise \$30,000 for Curriculum Enrichment.

Our students will participate in a multi-day fitness based fundraiser where they will learn skills to improve their character through this year's theme: MINDSPARK WILD WEST.

Pledging Begins

8/20

Pep Rally

8/26

Fun Run

9/5

PARENT ACTION STEPS

The screenshot shows a web interface for entering a pledge. At the top, it says 'Pledges' and 'ENTER PLEDGE'. Below that, it displays 'TOTAL PLEDGED \$0' and 'MY GOAL \$300'. There is a 'DAYS LEFT' indicator. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Email For Pledges', 'Share on Facebook', and a link to 'COPY & SHARE THIS LINK: https://funrun.boosterthon.com'.

Register your student(s) on FUNRUN.COM starting on 8/20.

Select a program, options will be:

- Tom Hawkins TK-4 Fun Run, or
- Tom Hawkins 5-8 Color Run

Once you select a program, you'll be asked to select the homeroom class so we know where to deliver their prizes every day.

Reach out to sponsors by sharing your pledge link!

All pledges and payments are made online.*

Cheer on your student at the Fun Run on **Thursday 9/5!**



EASY for everyone! Sponsors only have to sit down once to pledge and pay while our school collects more funds!



Sponsors can either make a pledge per lap or a flat donation! If they make a pledge per lap, their credit card is charged after the Fun Run!

* Cash and check payments are still accepted. Must be turned in according to school policy. Your student will still get credit for the pledge or donation.



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.



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.

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!

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.



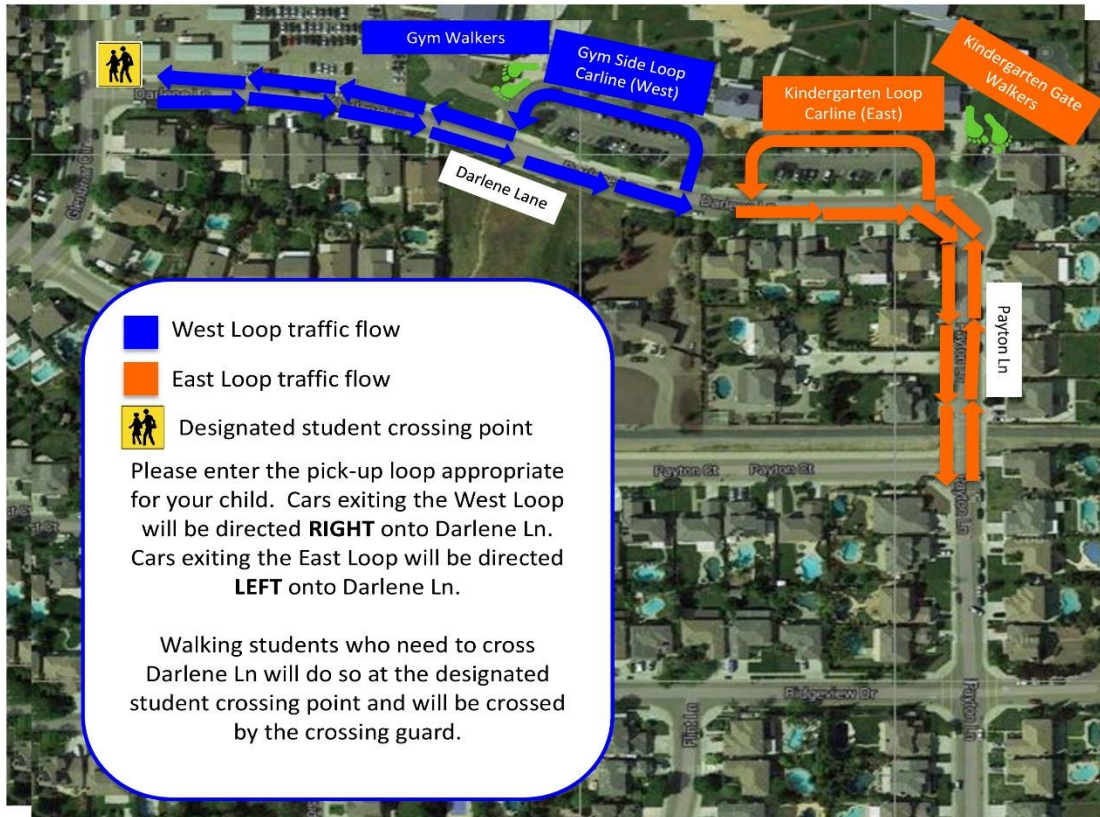
The bralette, the cold shoulder style shirt, and the cut-off style shirt are recent fashion trends that have become very popular. Parents may be wondering if they are dress code compliant. Basically, with a bralette, the shirt worn on top of the bralette must meet the dress code requirements. For cold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

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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

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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.

Keep in Touch!

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