

Tom Hawkins Elementary School

Home of the Huskies
@TomHawkinsElementary



October 2, 2022



Upcoming Events

- Oct 3 - Yearbooks on Sale - [See flyer for details](#)
- Oct 3 - Parent Athlete Meeting- 5:00PM - Library
- Oct 4 - Volleyball games begin - [Link to Schedule](#)
- Oct 4 - HPFC Activities Meeting - 3:30PM - Library
- Oct 5 - [National Walk to School Day](#) - Theme is Walk and Roll- wear Rock and Roll clothes
- Oct 5 - Mini Wednesday 1:30PM dismissal
- Oct 11 - Chipotle Dinner Night Out 4-8PM
- Oct 12 - Mini Wednesday 1:30PM dismissal
- Oct 13 -Hawkins Spelling Bee (During school)
[4-6 Practice List](#)
[7-8 Practice List](#)
- Oct 14 - Festival of Lights 3:00PM - Please [RSVP](#)
- Oct 17-21 Fall [GATE/OLSAT testing](#)
- Oct 18 - School Picture Retakes
- Oct 19 - Mini Wednesday 1:30PM dismissal
- Oct 20 - School Site Council Meeting 3:15PM Library
- Oct 21 - Halloween Dance 6:00PM-8:00PM in MPR
- Cot 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 26 - Mini Wednesday 1:30PM dismissal
- Oct 31 - Halloween Parade 8:30AM - Wear your costume - Parents are welcome

Character Trait for October
Compassion

Role Model: Jane Goodall

Fiona Bessette, Principal
Charles Spikes, Vice Principal
Rahila Amani, Principal's Secretary
Nena Serrato, Attendance Clerk
Kelly Cabral, Office Clerk



Principal's Corner

Thank you to all the families that were able to make it to parent conferences last week. It was wonderful to have parents on campus meeting their teachers in person!

This week we have some exciting things happening... we will have our first volleyball games in two years! Our first games will be at Traina and Jefferson this week. Our cross country schedule will be available soon. The volleyball schedule is included in this newsletter. We will also be having an important parent athlete meeting Monday, October 3rd at 5:00 in the library. Our Athletic Directors Mr. Eaton and Mr. Swartz will review rules, hand out schedules, discuss student and parent sportsmanship and answer questions.

**Be kind if you win
and if you lose tell
the other team that it
was a good game.**

We will also be celebrating National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th. We will have many first responders out greeting our students as they make their way to school. Our theme is Walk and Roll and we hope everyone will show their school spirit by wearing Rock and Roll clothing. We hope you can join us!

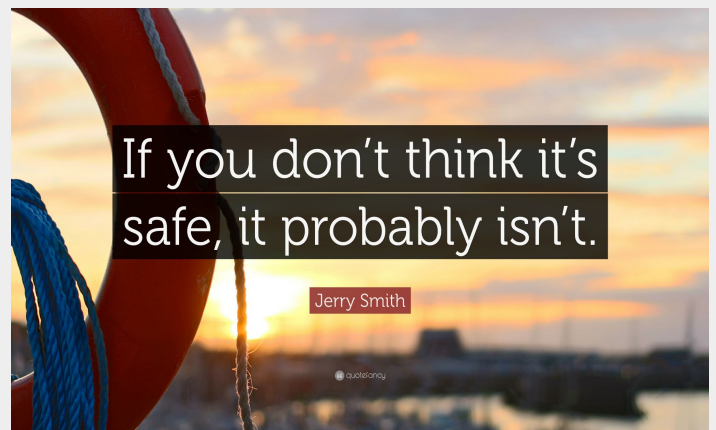
A Message from Mr. Spikes

To be safe on campus is the responsibility of everyone. When we look at Maslow's hierarchy of needs, safety is the second most important priority. There are two tiers of safety on a school campus. The first is kids feeling safe on the physical campus. That is where they are free from bullies or hostile environments and they feel free so they can be their authentic selves without ridicule or harassment. The second is kids feeling safe in their classrooms. Safe to share their ideas without fear of being made fun of, safe to feel like they can take academic chances, and safe to fail because the effort is more important than the outcome. When kids feel truly safe, that is when their learning accelerates. It is our right and responsibility to create that environment.

Some of the things that we do already to create this protective shield of safety:

- Standing at our door to greet students and keeping an eye out for the precursors of trouble.
- Taking the time to talk to your students about things not related to the curriculum.
- When students bring concerns to us, we address them in a timely manner.

It is our goal to ensure, extend and excel in this area as a staff. I know that we can because we have already started this noble task.



8th Grade Happenings:

Hello 8th Grade Parents and Students,

Every 8th grade year the core teachers provide three 8th Grade Sweatshirts to choose from and send out a form so students can vote on which one they want most. It is a tradition that we have had for many years. Due to hopefully cooler weather approaching, we want to give you the option to order this sweatshirt soon. We will only be providing a two week window to purchase these sweatshirts. You are not required to buy these sweatshirts, but students love to wear them all year long and on spirit days. Below is the link, price and due date of the sweatshirts:

Link: [Tom Hawkins 8th Grade Sweatshirts 2023](#)

Price: \$39.89

Due Date: October 7th, 2022

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ayubi, Ms. Hewitt, and Mrs. Seymore



Jefferson Tracy Athletic League

Volleyball Schedule 2022-2023

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Hawkins 5 @ Traina 5, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 5 @ BYE, 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins 7 @ Traina 7, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 7 @ BYE, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

Hawkins 6 @ Jefferson 6, 3:30 p.m.
Traina 6 @ TLC 6, 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins 8 @ Jefferson 8, 4:30 p.m.
Traina 8 @ TLC 8, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11

Jefferson 5 @ Hawkins 5, 3:30 p.m.
Traina 5 @ BYE, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 7 @ Hawkins 7, 4:30 p.m.
Traina 7 @ BYE, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

Jefferson 6 @ Traina 6, 3:30 p.m.
TLC 6 @ Hawkins 6, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 8 @ Traina 8, 4:30 p.m.
TLC 8 @ Hawkins 8, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18

Traina 5 @ Jefferson 5, 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins 5 @ BYE, 3:30 p.m.
Traina 7 @ Jefferson 7, 4:30 p.m.
Hawkins 7 @ BYE, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

TLC 6 @ Traina 6, 3:30 p.m.
TLC 8 @ Traina 8, 4:30 p.m.
*No Second Game due to Jefferson
Science Camp*

Tuesday, October 25

Traina 5 @ Hawkins 5, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 5 @ BYE, 3:30 p.m.
Traina 7 @ Hawkins 7, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 7 @ BYE, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 27

TLC 6 @ Jefferson 6, 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins 6 @ Traina 6, 3:30 p.m.
TLC 8 @ Traina 8, 4:30 p.m.
Hawkins 8 @ Traina 8, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1

Hawkins 5 @ Jefferson 5, 3:30 p.m.
Traina 5 @ BYE, 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins 7 @ Jefferson 7, 4:30 p.m.
Traina 7 @ BYE, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 3

Hawkins 6 @ TLC 6, 3:30 p.m.
Traina 6 @ Jefferson 6, 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins 8 @ TLC 8, 4:30 p.m.
Traina 8 @ Jefferson 8, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8

Jefferson 5 @ Traina 5, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 6 @ Hawkins 6, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 7 @ Traina 7, 4:30 p.m.
Jefferson 8 @ Hawkins 8, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 10

Jefferson 6 @ TLC 6, 3:30 p.m.
Traina 6 @ Hawkins 6, 3:30 p.m.
Jefferson 8 @ TLC 8, 4:30 p.m.
Traina 8 @ Hawkins 8, 4:30 p.m.

Order Your Yearbook Today!



A year worth
remembering

order online at

<http://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

use code: 14852723



WALK & ROLL

TO SCHOOL DAY

October 5, 2022

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and bicycling.

Walk and Bike to School Day are annual events that promote walking and bicycling for several reasons:

- ✓ Physical activity
- ✓ Teaching safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children
- ✓ Awareness of how walkable & bikeable a community is and where improvements can be made
- ✓ Concern for the environment
- ✓ Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- ✓ Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children

Your local coordinator: Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Cruz and Mrs. Devlin

Learn more at walkbiketoschool.org

**Tom Hawkins
Elementary School**

S p e l l i n g

B e e



October 13, 2022

- ❖ **Two students will represent each grade level bracket: Grades 4th - 6th & Grades 7th - 8th**
- ❖ **Winners will go on to the District Spelling Bee**

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) – OLSAT Testing 2022-2023

Fall GATE OLSAT Test will be available to 3rd – 8th grade students the week of October 17th.

Spring GATE Testing 3rd – 7th Grade – Week of March 3, 2023

2nd Grade Testing – April 2023, during CAASPP testing

There are three ways to qualify for GATE in Jefferson Elementary School District: Earn a qualifying score on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), meet the district CAASPP Score criteria, or through the teacher recommendation/portfolio process. Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing is open to second through eighth graders who have not taken the OLSAT 8 in the past three years.

Now is the time to request Fall GATE Testing. Parents are responsible for student transportation if participating in the afterschool test. If you would like your child to participate in the upcoming GATE testing. Please contact the school office and ask for a GATE application or following the [link](#) for the application.

The application must be completed and returned to the school office by: October 5th. Families who submit applications will be provided additional information after this deadline.



JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES



Students who are considered to be in violation of the Jefferson School District Dress Code shall be referred to the principal or the designee.

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. 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.

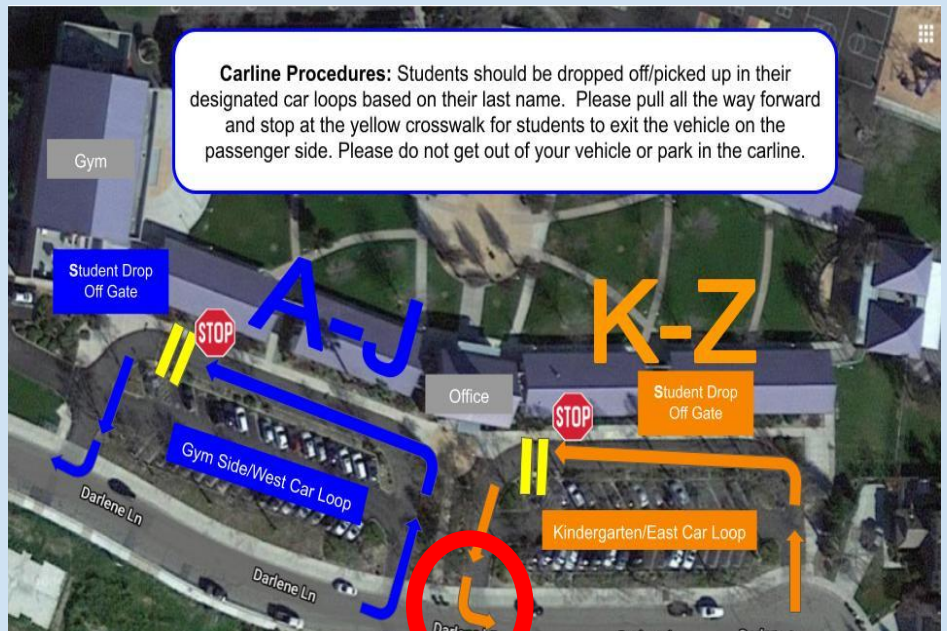
d. Fourth and subsequent offenses: The student shall be suspended for a period of 1-5 days as determined by the principal or the designee.

Important Reminders

- **Do not send your child to school if he/she is not feeling well or has tested positive for COVID.** Please see the current COVID guidelines below. Call the office to report this and receive guidance. Telephone: 209-839-2380
- **Masks** - Masks are optional unless you are exposed to covid or have had a recent case. Please see the guidelines below.
- **Free Breakfast and Lunch** - We are offering FREE breakfast and lunch for all students. Students will place their orders with their classroom teachers daily. Breakfast will be served during morning recess, not before school. The cafeteria will not be serving food before school. Here is the [lunch menu](#). Students are still allowed to bring lunches from home. No lunch deliveries please.
- **Dismissal**- Thank you to all the families that have been following the drive through procedures. Following the directional arrows really helps keeps the cars moving. **Please do not pull through the parking area to drop off your student.** This causes a traffic flow issue when cars are pulling out of the drive through line.
 - Monday is a regular day. Please be sure to pick up your student on time.
 - TK-3 dismissed at 2:00
 - 4-8 dismissed at 3:00
 - Wednesday is a minimum day and all students are dismissed at 1:30
 - If you have to change the dismissal location for your child please contact the teacher so we can be sure your child is in the correct location after school.

Please do not drop off and pick up students at the crosswalk area on the corner of Darlene and Glenbriar Circle. This is dangerous for students and the crossing guard. It is also causing a traffic jam as Mr. Larry is trying to get students across the street safely.

Carline - Please do not pull into the parking lot area to drop off or pick up students. If you pull into the parking lot area you must park your car and walk your student using the crosswalk.



**LEFT TURN
ONLY HERE**

Hawkins Library News

Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader



Tommy
pawsitively
loves
reading!

**Library Classes
Start on Monday
8/29/22**

Please be sure to include both librarians on any email communication so that your request can be promptly expedited.

Contact Your Librarians

(209) 839-2380 X 3062

Ms. Gentry-M, T, W

lgentry@jsdtracy.com

Mrs. Phipps- W, Th, F

kphipps@jsdtracy.com

READING STACKS UP

What parents can do to encourage reading

- Continue to support children's learning and interest by visiting the library and bookstores with them
- Find ways to highlight children's progress in reading and writing
- Stay in regular contact with your child's teachers about activities and progress in reading and writing
- Encourage children to use and enjoy print for many purposes (such as recipes, directions, games, sports)
- Build a love of language in all its forms and engage children in conversation

42 Best Books of 2022 by the School Library Journal. [Best Books of 2022](#)

[Library Homepage](#)

[Library Resource Care and Expectations](#)

[JSD Chromebook Expectations and Fines](#)

[How to Pay Fines to the Office](#)

[Chromebook Troubleshooting Tips](#)



If a student misses 2 days of school per month, they are missing over 10% of their school year!

The importance of daily school attendance must start at home, stressing the value of a consistent educational experience. It is vital for the Jefferson School District to build on this value, maintaining an essential partnership between school and home, to ensure punctal daily school attendance is a priority.

Should your child need to be absent, California Education Code allows **EXCUSED** absences for the following reasons:

Excused Absences:

- * Illness
- *Medical/Dental Appointment
- *Quarantine
- *Funeral of a Family Member
- *Spend time with immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services
- * Participation in religious exercise

The parent or guardian of the student must phone, email or send a note to clear any of these excused absences. The answering machine is activated after school hours for your convenience, and is checked at the start of the next school day. Failure to notify the office of your students' absence will result in an unexcused absence and will be recorded in the student's permanent record.

Please call the school office at 209-839-2380, or email the attendance clerk at mserrato@jsdtracy.com, if your child is absent for any reason.

Being absent for any of the following reasons will result in an **UNEXCUSED** absence:

Unexcused Absences:

- *Personal Days
- *Going shopping
- *Visiting relatives
- *Student's birthday
- *Oversleeping
- *Childcare by student at home
- *Car trouble
- *Vacation
- *Family moving to another home
- *Cutting School

Education Code 4820: Students shall be classified as truant if absent from school without a valid reason three full days in one school year, or tardy or absent for more than 30 minutes period during the school day without a valid excuse on the three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. Such students shall be reported to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48260)



Please read the most current COVID Guidelines for the Jefferson School District

Student COVID Guidance

What do I do if my child has symptoms? Students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection will not be permitted to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:

- Any student who develops new, unexplained symptoms should not return to campus until it is clear that symptoms are mild and improving or are due to a non-infectious cause (e.g., allergies). This includes waiting until 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

- If symptoms are concerning for COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that students wear a mask and get tested immediately.

My child has been diagnosed with COVID-19. How long will they be out of school?

Students diagnosed with COVID-19 should follow recommendations listed below (as seen in Table 1 (Persons with COVID-19) of CDPH's guidance for the general public).

- Stay home for at least 5 days after the start of symptoms (or after the date of first positive test if no symptoms).

- Isolation can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving AND a test collected on Day 5 or later is negative.

- If unable to test, choosing not to test, or testing positive on Day 5 (or later), isolation can end after Day 10 if fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves. • If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after Day 10. If symptoms are severe, or if the infected person is at high risk of serious disease, or if they have questions concerning care, infected persons should contact their healthcare provider for available treatments.

- Per CDPH masking guidance, infected persons should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings (see masking section below for additional information).

Masking

As noted above, infected persons should isolate for five days, and mask indoors and when around others during a full 10 days following symptom onset (or positive test if no symptoms). Exposed persons should mask for 10 days following an identified close contact to someone with COVID-19, especially high-risk contacts.

All persons wearing masks should optimize mask fit and filtration, ideally through use of a [respirator](#) (N95, KN95, KF94) or surgical mask. See [Get the Most out of Masking](#) and [Masking Tips for Children](#) (PDF) for more information.



HPFC Needs Your Help!
VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR

Fall Festival

We are looking for help to make Fall Festival a reality! Can you help decorate a classroom door? Help create some great craft projects? Maybe you even love to make things spooky and the haunted house is the place you want to help? The families and students of Hawkins would appreciate any help you can give! Sign Up Here...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EACAC2BA2FD0-fall>

If you don't have the time, that's okay too! Feel free to check out our Amazon Wishlist!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5FA742UUL6QG?ref=wl_share



amazon

Don't forget to use your AmazonSmile! Don't know what this is? E-mail TomHawkinsPFC@gmail.com for help setting this up!!

October

Sunday

Tuesday

Thursday

Saturday

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

2	3	4 HPFC ACTIVITIES MEETING 3:30PM	5 NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY	6	7	8
9	10	11 CHIPOTLE DINNER NIGHT OUT	12	13	14 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS	15
16	17	18	19 HPFC GENERAL MEETING 6:30PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 FALL FESTIVAL	29
RED RIBBON WEEK						
30	31 HALLOWEEN					

Important Links:

[ZOOM](#)

[FALL FESTIVAL
AMAZON
WISHLIST](#)

[FALL FESTIVAL
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)

[HPFC
MAILING
LIST](#)

[VOLUNTEER
FORM](#)

[COMMITTEE
HEAD SIGN UP](#)

WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY.
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE. 25% TASTES MADE FRESH
FOIL-WRAP GOODNESS. BETTER EVERY DAY
GOODNESS. CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. SOMETHING DAY
GENEROUS HELPING HANDS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. A BETTHER
BURRITOS. OP. ORGANIC. C. RUNNING. A BETTHER
CAUSE. AN EFFECT. FROM THE. LEADERSHIP.
EFFECT. FROM THE. LEADERSHIP.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
**HAWKINS PARENT
FACULTY CLUB**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH | 4-8PM
2512 NAGLEE RD, TRACY, CA, 95304

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **4867KBZ**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Festival of Lights

OCTOBER 14TH @ 3PM

FREE EVENT AT TOM HAWKINS ELEMENTARY

[RSVP HERE!](#)

WE NEED A HEAD COUNT TO KNOW THE AMOUNT
OF SUPPLIES NEEDED! IF YOU THINK YOU WILL
ATTEND PLEASE RSVP!



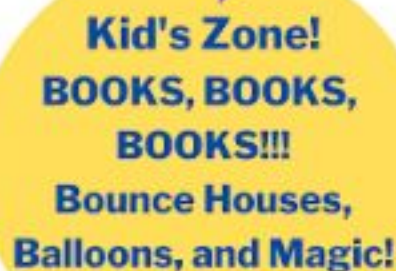


Great Valley Bookfest

Celebrating the Fun of
READING!

Saturday, October 8th
10 am to 4 pm

FREE!



Kid's Zone!
BOOKS, BOOKS,
BOOKS!!!
Bounce Houses,
Balloons, and Magic!

The Promenade at BASS PRO
(Hwy 120 at Union in Manteca)

gvbookfest.org

Benefiting Literacy Organizations in the California Central Valley