

Tom Hawkins Elementary School

February 17, 2023

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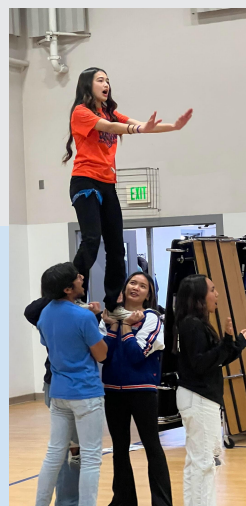
Home of the Huskies

@TomHawkinsElementary



Upcoming Events

- Feb 20 - Presidents Day - No School
- Feb 22 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Feb 23 - Dinner Night Out - BurgerIM
- Feb 24 - GATE Applications due
- Feb 24 - End of Trimester 2
- Feb 24 - Fun Friday Grades TK-5 - 3:00PM in MPR
- Feb 27 - Mar 3 [Read Across America](#)
- Feb 28 - ASB Meeting - at lunch Room 24
- Mar 1 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Mar 3 - Mar 10 - GATE testing 3rd - 7th grade
- Mar 8 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Mar 10 - Fun Run/Color Run
- March 10 - Report Cards available in Aeries
- Mar 13 - 16 [College Week](#)
- Mar 14 - ASB Meeting - at lunch Room 24
- Mar 14 - JSD Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Mar 14 - School Site Meeting - 3:15 PM - Hawkins
Library in person and [Zoom](#)
- Mar 15 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Mar 15 - [Collage Week Essay due](#)
- Mar 17 - [Yearbook order deadline](#)
- Mar 17 - No school - Teacher Development Day
- Mar 22 - Mini Wednesday 1:30 PM dismissal
- Mar 23 - Spring Pictures
- Mar 28 - ASB Meeting - at lunch Room 24



Principal's Corner

This week our 7th and 8th graders attended a special assembly put on by the Tracy High School Bulldog Project and the Kimball Jaguar Project. Students from both high schools came to share information about the effects of bullying and how to stop it. They shared personal stories, performed skits, taught chants and shared videos about their work. One of the best parts of the afternoon was seeing so many Hawkins alumni working to support our students with this important information!

Our ASB was also hard at work this week spreading the word of kindness. They announced kindness challenges for the day and put out chalk in the main quad area for students to write kindness messages for all to read. They also launched the Hawkins instagram page. Please follow them [@hawkinshuskiesasb](#) to stay informed about upcoming school events and news.



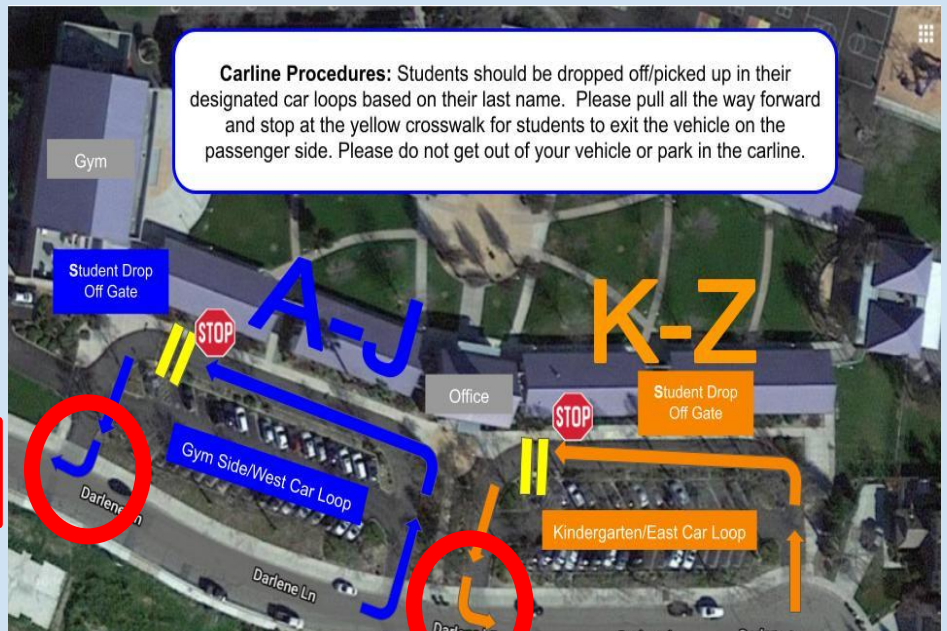
Important Reminders

- **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.

I want to thank everyone for their patience with the morning drop off. Mr. Larry is on vacation, so our carline is taking much longer in the morning. If the carline is still long at 8:15 we are notifying teachers to not mark students tardy.

RIGHT TURN ONLY
HERE

Carline - If you pull into the parking lot area you must park your car and walk your student using the crosswalk. Please do not park in the handicapped spaces unless you have your handicap placard visible.



LEFT TURN ONLY
HERE



Tom Hawkins Celebrates.

READ ACROSS *America*



Monday, February 27th

The Grinch's-Wear green from head to toe today!

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Tuesday, February 28th

**I Can Read with My Eyes Shut-Read a T-Shirt Day
Wear a shirt with a message!**

"The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Wednesday, March 1st

Wacky Wednesday- Mismatched Clothes & Crazy Whoville Hair Day!

"I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells."

Thursday, March 2nd

Fox In Socks-Wear your CRAZIEST Socks!

"Sometimes the questions are so complicated and the answers are so simple."

Friday, March 3rd

One fish, Two fish, Red fish, Blue fish-Wear Red, White and Blue Today!

"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. you can steer yourself any direction you choose!"

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remembering

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ORDER DEADLINE MARCH 17th



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College Week Essay and Pennant Contest 2023

Essay Contest

Each year, around 20 million students apply to American colleges and universities. With this much competition, students must make their applications stand out. Colleges ask students to write personal insights or short essays to help them set themselves apart from other applicants.

In 350 words or less, answer ONE of the following personal insight questions taken from the University of California application. Answers must be typed and include your first and last name and grade. All entries are due to the office by Wednesday, March 15th at 3:00pm. Winners will be announced at the rally on Thursday.

✓ Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

✓ What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

Pennant Contest

A pennant is a type of flag used to support favorite sports or college teams. Traditionally, they were made of felt and were in the shape of a triangle. A pennant shows school colors along with the mascot. Create and decorate a pennant for the college you wish to attend. Your pennant should include:

- School colors
- Name or acronym of the college or university
- Picture of the mascot of the college or university

Entries are due to the office by Wednesday, March 15th at 3:00pm. Winners will be announced at the rally on Thursday.



Spring GATE Testing 3rd - 7th Grade
March 3, 2023 - March 10, 2023

There are three ways to qualify for GATE:

- Earn a qualifying score on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)
- Meet the district CAASPP Score criteria
- Teacher recommendation/portfolio process

Spring GATE testing is open to 3rd - 7th grader who have not taken the OLSAT8 test in the past three years.

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 follow this [link](#) for the application.

The application must be completed and returned to the school office by February 24, 2023.



8TH GRADE GRADUATION

TOM HAWKINS SCHOOL

2023

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Important Dates:

- Graduation Donations: \$125.00, **Due Now**
- Great America Trip: May 12th
- Honors Night: May 10th, from 6:00PM - 7:00PM
- Ice Cream Social: May 18th, from 2:00-3:00 PM
- Graduation: May 25th, at 6:00 PM
- Graduation Dance: May 25th, 7:00-10:00 PM
- Committee Meeting: COMING SOON**

**Join the Graduation Committee Remind
to get text reminders
Text **@mrsfbess** to **81010****



School Site Council Meeting



The School Site Council is a team comprised of Parents, staff, teachers, and principal.

The School Site Council (SSC) looks for ways to improve our campus. The SSC identifies students needs by looking at school data.

WHEN:

Mar 14th

Library in person and [Zoom](#)

Apr 18th

May 9th

WHERE:

Hawkins Library

TIME:

3:15pm - 4:15pm

HAWKINS PARENT FACULTY CLUB
PRESENTS

DINNER NIGHT OUT

ALL DAY



BURGERIM™



ALL DAY

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 23rd

Mention Tom Hawkins & 20% of
proceeds go to HPFC!

No flier needed

Order: In-person By phone
3rd-party (like DoorDash)

Just be sure to mention Hawkins!

BurgerIM

2461 Naglee Road



HPFC & BOOSTERTHON PRESENTS


FUN RUN

March 10
Times vary by grade

Sign Up NOW!

If you have any questions please email tomhawkinspf@gmail.com

TOP MARCHING BAND COLLEGES

Ohio State University	University of Michigan	University of Texas
Bonilla Bessette Cannon Green Corbiser Fleckner Price Nagel Ayubi 7 th Grade Core Ayubi 8 th Grade Core	Shook Cruz Fierro Morgan Amato Andrews Swartz Seymore 7 th Grade Core Seymore 8 th Grade Core	Gambrah Murphy Devlin Lange Kitchuck Freitas Gray Oneto Hewitt 7 th Grade Core Hewitt 8 th Grade Core
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>College Information:</u></p> <p>Location: Columbus, Ohio Colors: Scarlet and gray Website: www.osu.edu Mascot: Brutus Buckeye Sports Affiliations: NCAA Div. 1, Big 10 Motto: Education for Citizenship Virtual Tour: https://www.osu.edu/tour.html</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>College Information:</u></p> <p>Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan Colors: Blue and yellow Website: www.umich.edu Mascot: Wolverine Sports Affiliations: NCAA Div. 1, Big 10 Motto: Arts, Knowledge, Truth Virtual Tour: https://admissions.mivideo.it.umich.edu/channel/Video+Tours/212474813</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>College Information:</u></p> <p>Location: Austin, Texas Colors: Burnt orange and White Website: www.utexas.edu Mascot: Bevo - longhorn steer Sports Affiliations: NCAA Div. 1, Big 12, SEC Motto: Education is the Guardian of the State Virtual Tour: https://www.youvisit.com/tour/utexas/university_of_texas</p> 

College Week is a time for our school to place a focus on College and Career Readiness. The colleges we are focusing on this year are universities that have incredible marching band programs. Throughout the week, students will be participating in Spirit Dress-Up days college awareness events. The week will culminate with a college themed rally on Thursday, March 16. Each class has been assigned a college for Thursday's spirit day and rally. Please see the attached list to find your assigned college. The list is built to group students for the rally. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about academic expectations for admission to college. I hope you take this opportunity to discuss your college experience with the students, give them a virtual tour of a college, or show them memorabilia. The more we talk about college as an attainable goal for our kids the more they are going to believe they can accomplish it. Please see below for the spirit days of College Week. This should be a fun and educational experience for all!

Monday, March 13

Honor Tom Hawkins' College – wear Orange and Black for UOP, Tom Hawkins' college

Tuesday, March 14

Signing Day – wear the colors or clothes of the college you wish to attend

Wednesday, March 15

Career Day – dress in clothing that represents a job you would like to have in the future

Thursday, March 16

Extreme College Spirit – wear EXTREME colors and clothes from your assigned college team. There will be spirit awards given at the rally for wearing the most EXTREME college spirit wear.

*For all of these special dress days, the dress code still applies.

Hawkins Library News

Books are uniquely portable magic”

Stephen King

“Our library
has snow
many good
books”



Hawkins Birthday Book Donation

Is a program that builds our
library collection.

- Students participate by purchasing a new or gently used hardcover book to donate to the library.
- Print & fill out this [form](#)
- Send the form & book to school with your child
- A bookplate in honor of your child’s birthday will be attached on the inside of the book.
- Your child will receive a birthday bookmark, choose a prize from the treasure chest & be the first to check out their donated book.

Contact Your Librarians
(209) 839-2380 X 3062

Ms.Gentry- M, T, W
lgentry@jsdtracy.com

Kelly Phipps- W, Th, F
kphipps@jsdtracy.com

Please include both librarians
in any email communications
so we may expedite your
questions or concerns.

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[QR Codes to Pay Chromebook
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FOR AGES 5-11

APRIL 10TH-APRIL 14TH

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

TRACY SPORTS COMPLEX-MEETING ROOM



Scholarships available for those who qualify.



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- HAVE A CHANCE TO
- LEARN ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 - DISCUSS TEEN ISSUES
 - PLAN ACTIVITIES
 - MAKE NEW FRIENDS

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ADVISORY
COMMISSION**

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WWW.CITYOFTRACY.ORG OR PICK UP
AN APPLICATION AT CITY HALL
**APPLICATIONS DUE
APRIL 28TH**

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THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

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**2023
SPRING BREAK
EDITION!**

**April 10th -14th
9am-12pm**

MON Lincoln Park
TUE Hoyt Park
WED Village Green Park
THUR McDonald Park
FRI Galli Park

Location subject to change. Events are subject to cancellation due to rain.

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Life
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FOR MORE INFO:
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Follow us to see where we are headed next!

This program has been modified to follow all local, county, and state guidelines regarding COVID-19.



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