

Tom Hawkins Elementary School

Home of the Huskies
@TomHawkinsElementary



September 25, 2022



Upcoming Events

- Sept 26 - No School - Parent Conferences
- Sept 26 - Progress Reports Available in Aeries Parent Portal
- Sept 26 - Volleyball Practice outside courts
 - 7th Grade 3:15-4:15
 - 6th Grade 4:15-5:15
- Sept 27- 30 - Parent Conferences 2:00PM Dismissal
- Sept 27 - Cross Country Practice 4:15-5:15 - Meet at the track
- Sept 28 - Volleyball Practice in the MPR
 - 7th Grade 1:35-2:40
- Sept 29 - Volleyball Practice in the MPR
 - 6th Grade 1:35-2:40
- Oct 3 - Volleyball games Begin - [Link to Schedule](#)
- Oct 5 - National Walk to School Day
- Oct 5 - Mini Wednesday 1:30PM dismissal
- Oct 10- 14 -Hawkins Spelling Bee (During school)
 - [4-6 Practice List](#)
 - [7-8 Practice List](#)
- Oct 17-21 Fall [GATE/OLSAT testing](#)
- Oct 18 - School Picture Retakes
- Oct 19 - Mini Wednesday 1:30PM dismissal

Character Trait for September
RESPECT

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



Principal's Corner

Our Husky Buck store is in full swing. Students have been doing a great job earning Husky Bucks for demonstrating our BARK behaviors. When students are ready to spend their bucks they work with their teacher to place an order. We have many great items to choose from! Here is a list of what is available:

[Husky Buck Store](#)

Parent Teacher Conferences are this week. **There is no school for students on Monday and all students will be dismissed at 2:00 on Tuesday - Friday.** This is a very important opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and find out how your young scholar is progressing. If you have not already signed up for a conference time, please contact our school office at 839-2380.

Some great questions to ask the teacher include:

- How is my student progressing with grade level standards?
- How is my child's work ethic or effort in class?
- What are my child's strengths?
- In what areas can my child improve?

When parents and teachers work together on a shared goal, they are increasing the chances of the child succeeding!



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.

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.

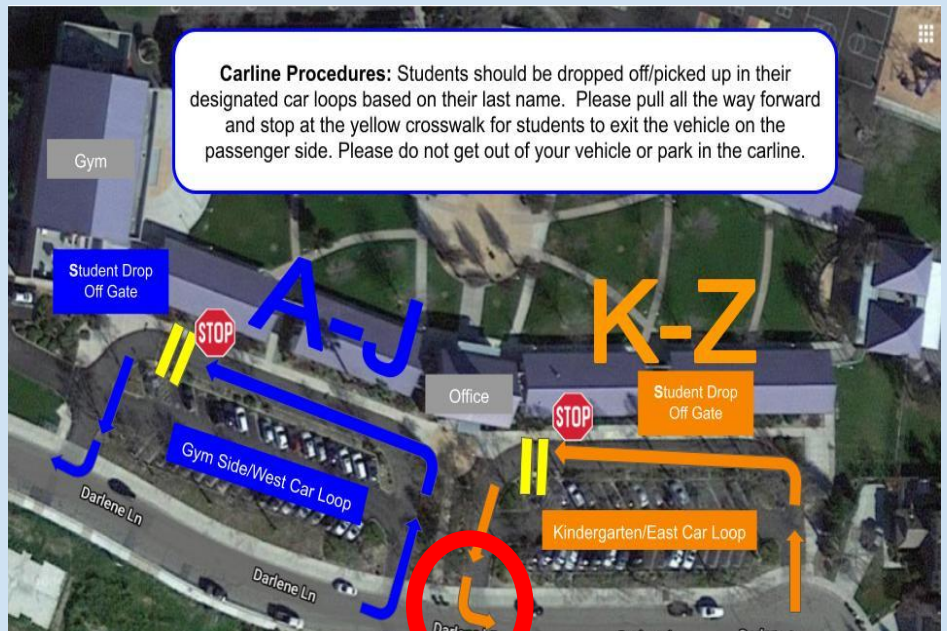
d. Fourth and subsequent offenses: The student shall be suspended for a period of 1-5 days as determined by the principal or the designee.

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



**Winter
Wonderland
Committee Chair**

**Research
Assemblies**

**Help Find
Volunteers**

**Make A
Webpage**

**Copy
Fliers**

**Seasonal
Decoration**



**Make
Fliers**

**Manage
Volunteers**

**Bulletin
Board
Decorator**

**Turkey
Trot**

**Make
Posters**



Thank you to those who attended the HPFC meeting last week! We were able to allocate the money raised from Penny Wars (minus prizes) to the fund for school walkie-talkies!

New walkie-talkies will help staff ensure the safety of our children and aid in communication throughout the school. Mrs. Bessette said during the meeting that Hawkins has not been able to purchase a large quantity and they are constantly repairing the ones they have. We are working toward raising the total cost of the walkie-talkies and we will keep you updated on that progress!

If you would like to help decide where HPFC funds are spent, make sure to join our meetings!

A Note From the President

Last Friday's movie night was so much fun, and my heart was filled with joy because it really reminded me of what the pre-Covid movie nights used to be like. I was overjoyed by how many families showed up!

Extra special, from the bottom of my heart, thanks to all of our volunteers that night: Jennifer Schwandt and her awesome sons for running popcorn all night; Jennifer Everett, Maria Ibarra, Kaori Casey and Leticia Alexandre for helping run concessions; Kelly Shook for helping with spirit wear sales; Angelina Ellenberger, Jessica and Mitch Cox for helping with tear-down at the end of the event. Even all the families are due a huge thank you for making sure all trash was picked up off the lawn. Mr. Andrews and custodian Emanuel were our knights in shining armor with tech and screen set up. Thank you very much Mrs. Bessette for calling in backup at the end of the night, I am incredibly grateful for the help your husband and son contributed.

I am hopeful that every event can be just as successful as this Movie Night due to the wonderful sense of community we have at Tom Hawkins!

Sincerely,
Dana Kemp



October

Sunday

Tuesday

Thursday

Saturday

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

September						1
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 2PM DISMISSAL FOR ALL	28 2PM DISMISSAL FOR ALL	29 2PM DISMISAL FOR ALL	30 2PM DISMISSAL FOR ALL	
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						

Important Links:

[ZOOM](#)

[FALL FESTIVAL
AMAZON
WISHLIST](#)

[FALL FESTIVAL
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)

[HPFC
MAILING
LIST](#)

[VOLUNTEER
FORM](#)

[COMMITTEE
HEAD SIGN UP](#)



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 to benefit Hawkins Elementary Parent Faculty Club! Don't know what this is? E-mail TomHawkinsPFC@gmail.com for help setting this up! !



Festival of Lights!



Join us for a wonderful cultural experience. Create your very own Diva, make a piece of Rangoli art, and a paper lantern!

Friday, October 14th, 2022

[RSVP
HERE!](#)

[RSVP
HERE!](#)



HPFC PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER ART

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

“I paint self-portraits because I am the person I know best”

- Frida Kahlo



Recreate this iconic
Frida Kahlo self-
portrait any way you
like. Let your
creativity shine!

Submit your art to the
office by the end of the
month. Be sure to include
your name and grade.

This is part of a monthly art feature
to be collected and displayed at the
Art Crawl being held in April.

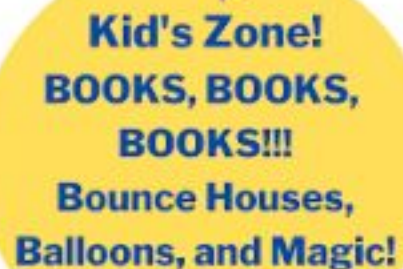


Great Valley Bookfest

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



TRI-VALLEY/EAST BAY



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

REGISTRATION EXTENDED!

Dates : 9/30/22 - 11/18/22

Days: Friday Nights

Price: \$150 Res. & \$165 Non-Res.

(Additional \$25 supply fee per player)

Location: Legacy Fields Sports Complex

**PLAYER JERSEY &
FLAGS INCLUDED!**

Division 1

Grades 3rd-4th

Times: 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Division 2

Grades 5th-6th

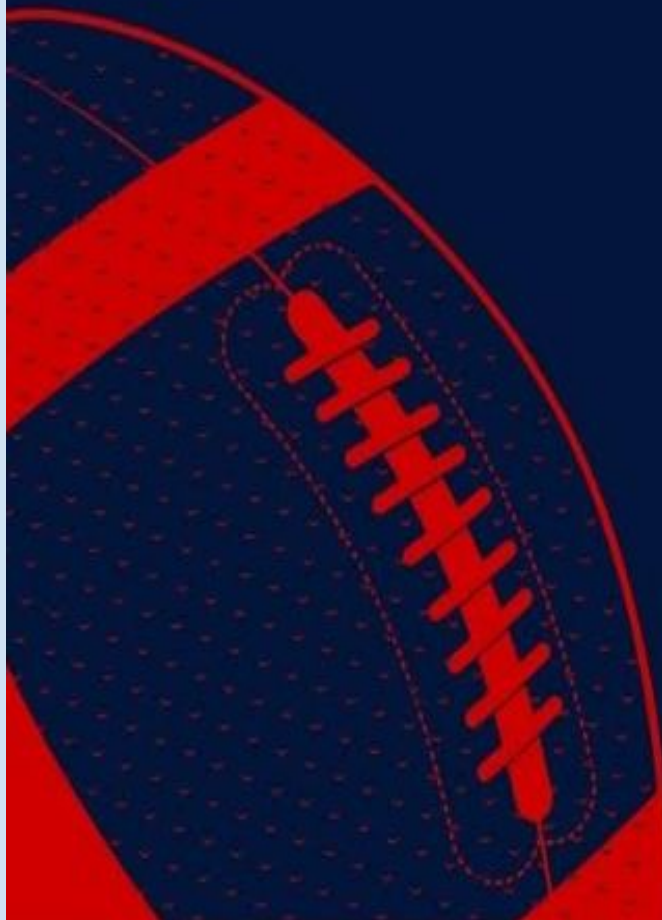
Times: 5:45pm - 7:15pm

Division 3

Grades 7th-8th

Times: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

**SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE!**



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