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newsletter

letter from the principal

Dear ELP Families,

The start of a new year brings much excitement, anticipation, and for some, nerves. I can identify with all of these feelings. We are pleased to have so many new students join our ELP program at every grade. We are also pleased that Melissa Hendrick is returning as the kindergarten teacher and Julie Anzelmo has rejoined our faculty after a year as a math coach for the district. We are fully staffed and ready to start.

Hawthorne is a wonderful ELP magnet program. We have a clear mission to provide the means for students to display and develop their gifted qualities. We know that students with gifted potential come to us from all over our district. They represent different cultural groups, family structures, and economic strata. The multidimensional qualities of our ELP students bring richness to the school. We endeavor to nurture our students' aptitudes and traits and create opportunities for them to thrive. Every day I tell them to "Soar, Sail, and Succeed." I hope they will soar high, sail the distance, and go for success this school year.

Welcome back, everyone.

—Marian Broadhead

Hawthorne Elementary Principal

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introducing our new elp supervisor

Michele Riggs is the new ELP Supervisor in Salt Lake City School District. She previously worked in Granite School District and received invaluable experience in general education K-6 classrooms, in gifted magnet classrooms, in a gifted cluster classroom, and in a district office position where she worked on a statewide grant

training instructional coaches and coaching teachers throughout the state of Utah. She is an Adjunct Professor in the Gifted and Talented Endorsement Program at Utah State University. She is eager to work with parents and teachers to advance the educational opportunities of high ability students in the Salt Lake City School District.

She is married, and has two children and five grandchildren. Her hobbies are spending time with family, traveling, and crocheting. She loves Mexican food and BYU football. Two attributes she has developed over the years are having a sense of humor and learning patience.

pta notes

As PTA President and parent of two children in the ELP program and one child in the Hawthorne neighborhood program, I am so excited about this upcoming year. I am looking forward to working with the ELP Steering Committee to help all students at Hawthorne “Soar, Sail, and Succeed.”

Hawthorne PTA works across all three programs at this school to:

- Provide funding for field trips and enrichment activities.
- Provide free books to all students 2-3 times per year as part of our RIF (Reading is Fun) program. (Thank you Tif Rousculp!)
- Facilitate the production of yearbooks and T-shirts.
- Purchase P.E. equipment and art supplies.

- Coordinate the Reflections art contest for our school.
- Assist Ms. Rich in putting on the annual Art Walk.
- Host fun evening activities throughout the year like Family Movie Night and Family Bingo Night.
- Provide assistance with our school’s book fairs.
- Much, much, more.

Please join us at one of our monthly PTA meetings. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the faculty room and the first Friday of the month directly after school in the library. Come give your input or take the opportunity to have a leadership role in our school community. We have several openings on our board for parents looking to be involved and to make an impact here at Hawthorne.

The first Friday of every month is Spirit Day! Show your Hawthorne pride by wearing your Hawk gear.

Our first fundraiser will be our annual Hawk Walk on Thursday, September 11 at 5:30 pm. Students collect pledges and then we walk around Liberty Park and back to the school. There will be food, prizes, a sign contest, and lots more fun. Pledge forms will be available at the PTA booth at Back-to-School Night and will be sent home with each child the first week of school. So put on your Hawk gear, make a wacky sign, and join us for an evening of fun. It will be a great kick off to a super-fun year.

Amber Stewart
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letter from the chair

It's nearly the end of August and if you're like me, you are thinking the summer just arrived! Short summer or not, the first day of school is here and those yellow buses are making their way through our neighborhoods delivering our students to a new school year full of the excitement and exhilaration of learning.

Welcome back to our returning families, and our excellent teachers, including our beloved fourth-grade teacher, Julie Anzelmo, who is returning after a year as a district math coach. To our new families, we warmly welcome you to the Hawthorne community!

Our program is a community based on 37 years of vibrant parent involvement. Your contributions of time, knowledge, and resources indeed make a difference to our program, teachers and your child. With your support, we can continue to make the Hawthorne ELP academically challenging and nurturing for our children.

To kick off the year, we will have our ELP Back-to-School Night, which consists of classroom sessions and a parent meeting, on August 26 from 6-7:30 pm. This is your best opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and hear about her goals and objectives for the year. (See box for details.)

Finally, we would like to extend an invitation to the monthly meetings of the ELP Steering Committee, held at the school on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The steering committee makes decisions on spending the program budget, addresses program concerns, and works closely with teacher representatives to support our gifted learners. No RSVP is necessary, everyone is always welcome.

Many thanks to the ELP Steering Committee, teachers, generous parents, and Principal Broadhead for making our program so successful.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, your questions and suggestions are always welcome!

Warmly,
Heather May
ELP Steering Committee Chair
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tuesday, august 26 hawthorne elp back-to-school night

Meet with your children's teachers to hear about plans and expectations for the year. We will also be holding a short but important parent meeting.

6:00-6:30

Classroom session with your child's teacher*

6:30-7:00

Parent meeting in the auditorium:

Welcome from Principal Broadhead
Faculty introductions
Introduction of Steering Committee Members, Co-op Coordinators, and PTA President

Discussion of and vote on approval of the 2014-2015 budget

7:00-7:30

Classroom session with your child's teacher*

This meeting is for adults only. There will be supervision on the playground if you are unable to find childcare.

**You only need to attend one classroom session per student. There are two sessions for parents that have more than one student in the program.*

how i spent my summer...

Melissa Hendrick
Kindergarten

My summer was spent enjoying the warm weather and being outside. I played a lot of tennis, golf, and hiked every day with my dog Ryder (who is a wonderful black lab). Over the summer, I was able to spend a lot of time reading and visiting family in California. As much as I loved summer, I am so excited to see everyone back at Hawthorne and start the academic year! It is going to be great!!!

Misty Clark
First Grade

This summer, I enjoyed some time in California. I went to Disneyland with my family, I attended a gifted conference at USC with Marilyn Taft, and I spent another three weeks in California while my older two daughters attended a theater camp. Not much to report besides that – I just spent time being a mom.

Angie Leone, Second Grade

This summer was dreamy. I was able to travel with my three children and husband to visit family in Southern Italy. We enjoyed eating a gelato every day, family dinners that lasted hours, walking in the fields of Tuscan sunflowers, and exploring the crystal blue waters of the sea.

Leslie Edwards
Third Grade

The highlight of Mrs. Edwards' summer was her trip home to San Francisco for the San Francisco Opera's summer season, where she saw Verdi's *La Traviata* and Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* along with Jerome Kern's operetta *Showboat*. She was able to visit with former student Phoebe Williams and her parents in San Francisco, eat obscenely wonderful food, and then diminish the caloric damage with daily runs along the Embarcadero and across the Golden

Gate Bridge (which all her students know is really Mrs. Edwards' bridge). Mrs. Edwards also had the opportunity to study at the Herbert Hoover Library at Stanford University, with a focus on philanthropic efforts following global wars and disasters.

Aside from hosting her two darling granddaughters for a week's visit recently, she devoted herself to simplifying her life by cleaning out all the drawers, cabinets, and closets in her home.

Julie Anzelmo
Fourth Grade

Summer 2014 has been filled with travel and fun. We kicked off the summer by heading east to visit family, and to play in the warm Atlantic waves. After returning to Utah, I had an opportunity to attend the Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City – my first time ever! Thanks to the ELP Steering Committee's professional development fund, I was able to take a wonderful Theater Methods class led by Festival Education Director Michael Bahr. The intensive three-day workshop introduced me to many ways of engaging students in drama activities, provided me with a list of useful resources for doing small productions, and gave us teachers a chance to watch the student camps in action. Following the festival, my family then took a trip to the Pacific Northwest to camp and hike in Mt. Rainier National Park, Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic monument, Ft. Clatsop, and the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. We did get to visit the beach at Nehalem Bay, Oregon, but it was much too cold to play in those waves! I am ready to get back to school, and am feeling very privileged to be returning as a classroom teacher to Hawthorne. It's exciting to think that I'll soon be meeting the new fourth grade class! It will be a great year.

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Marilyn Taft
Fifth Grade

My summer was a traditional one. We spent lots of time outdoors in “the wild.” Some highlights were: ascending Targhee Creek Trail – no bears but lots of mountain goats, watching an eagle “bully” an osprey into releasing the enormous trout caught moments previously, outrunning a lightning storm at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon, tubing Box Canyon, and visiting the confluence of three rivers at the Continental Divide.

I also read several outstanding books: *Life in a Jar*, *Navigating Early*, *The Smartest Kids in the World*, *Boys in the Boat*, and *The Invention of Wings*.

Julie Henderson
Sixth Grade

Picture this – you’re lying on the beach, warm sand between your toes and blue water sparkling before you. Yep. That was me this summer. My baby slept to the lapping of the water at the shore and the kids kayaked and sang pirate songs in a fine vessel. We spent a week at Lake Tahoe with my family and all of their families. We enjoyed every minute of it.

Jim and I took Josh back east for 10 days. We spent time in NYC at the top of the Empire State Building, Ground Zero, Central Park (chasing the Wafels & Dinges cart!), the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and seeing a Broadway play – where afterward the director took us out to dinner. We

also spent time with friends in New Jersey, and in Washington, DC. We loved the archives and seeing all the monuments in the middle of the night (2 am!). Of course, the Smithsonian museums were incredible.

Jim graduated from Western Governor’s University, and we’re starting up our own non-profit company! It’s an exciting time. Joshua has grown so much this summer. He learned to crawl, and climb stairs (!), and now he can walk around holding on to furniture. He’s getting so big! I spent the largest majority of my summer just watching him grow. It was an incredible summer.

new rewards program: amazon smile

Are you (or is someone you know – a grandparent, perhaps?) addicted to shopping online at amazon.com? Maybe you or they are just an occasional online purchaser? Well, did you know that you can now shop at AmazonSmile (same products, same prices, same service) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the Hawthorne ELP. It’s easy! Just start your shopping at smile.amazon.com and the Hawthorne ELP will start earning.

introducing my school anywhere...

We are pleased to announce that this coming year the entire directory process will be paperless from data collection to making the directory available both on your computer as well as your smart phone. Due to privacy laws, the schools cannot share student/family registration information with the ELP to publish. Instead, each family must choose to “opt in” to the directory.

Why are we doing this?

- SAVES TIME – this new system will help us publish the directory right shortly after school starts AND we can keep it up to date throughout the school year.
- SAVES MONEY – no more printing costs (they keep going up!)
- REDUCES ERRORS - because you enter your information yourself, you can be guaranteed that it’s what you want.

How does it work?

Our new system will involve 2 steps: collecting your information online and then giving you secure access to the online system.

Collecting information:

You will receive an email with directions and a link to update your directory information.

How do you access the new online directory?

Once we have received and reviewed your family’s information you will receive an email with login instructions.

What’s so great about the online directory?

- It’s secure – your family will have a unique login and password and the directory can’t be lost or stolen.
- You can search by student’s first name, grade, teacher and family last name.
- You can create your own custom list of frequently called families.
- You can access the family directory from any internet connected device: your computer, smart phone, iPad, etc.

Is it secure?

YES! All data is stored behind secure firewalls and can only be accessed by authorized users with a validated username and encrypted password. All data is viewed and passed using SSL encryption.

double your donation’s impact

Did you know that one in ten companies match employee donations? By simply completing a matching-gift form from your company you may be able to double or triple the impact of the donation you made to the Hawthorne ELP. Many companies also provide grants to those who volunteer as a way to recognize their ongoing support. Contact your HR office to see if your company has a matching gift or volunteer grant program.

only the best- parents wanted as substitute teachers

As many of you know, our program has a long-standing tradition of using parents as substitute teachers. In fact, Marilyn Taft started her teaching career as a substitute when her children were in our program. This tradition provides our children with consistency and vision when our teachers need to be out of the classroom. If this arrangement would work for your family, please apply to be a substitute at the Salt Lake City School District. You can specify that you only want to substitute at Hawthorne or for a certain teacher. Once you've registered let your teacher know that you are on the list. You even receive a small payment for this service. What could be better?

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Sixth Grade

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save the dates

Aug. 26
ELP Back-to-School Night

Sept. 11 Hawk Walk

Sept. 23/24 SEP Conferences
half days of school

Sept. 25 half day

Sept. 26 no school

Oct. 1 Westminster College
Day of Service

Oct. 16/17 UEA

Oct. 20 No School

Jan. 15
Geography Bee 8:30 am

Jan. 23 Spelling Bee 8:30 am

Jan. 29/30 Science Fair

Feb. 10-12
Good Masters, Sweet Ladies

Feb. 25/27 SEP Conferences
half days of school

March 12 Maturation program
for fifth/sixth grades

March 23-27
Shakespeare Week

May 14 Art Walk

May 27 ELP Share Fair

June 5
Sixth Grade Promotion

letter from the treasurer

We have another exciting and enriching year ahead for the Hawthorne ELP, and we count on your financial support to make it happen. If you have yet to make a donation for the 2014-15 school year now is a great time to do so!

The suggested donation per student is \$45 for general ELP funds and \$80 for the Spanish immersion language program, for a total of \$125/student. All donations are tax deductible. If you cannot meet the suggested donation amount please consider giving at whatever level you can - every dollar is appreciated and is put to good use. If you are able to give more than the suggested amount, please do! You can sponsor another student

by doubling your donation; add an unrestricted amount to be used where it is needed most; contribute to your child's classroom; or indicate another specific purpose.

Your donations to the Spanish program make it possible for us to hire Maestra Vicky Lowe for another year of amazing Spanish instruction, which is provided to each classroom several days a week. Thank you Maestra Vicky!

General ELP donations are used to fund many vital experiences for our students, such as the scientist-in-residence sessions, Shakespeare sets and costumes, math competitions for the upper grades, additional field trips, and special projects and events throughout the

year. Donations enable the teachers to purchase new equipment and supplies to meet the needs of our dynamic classrooms; to attend conferences on gifted education and Shakespeare teacher training; to purchase new technology providing enhanced techniques for learning... the list goes on and on.

The Hawthorne ELP is a fabulous place to be – in large part due to your generosity and commitment. Please contact me with any questions.

With gratitude,
 Kathleen Wilson
 2014-15
 Steering Committee Treasurer
 treasurerer@hawthorne-elp.com

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email address: _____

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

HOW TO DONATE

At the ELP Parent Meeting on August 26th – we will be able to swipe credit cards using our PayPal account before and after the meeting!

With cash or check payable to Hawthorne ELP. Please include donation form and drop off at the parent meeting, deliver to the ELP mailbox at the school's main office, or mail to:
 Kathleen Wilson, ELP Treasurer,
 1022 Windsor St, SLC UT 84105

With PayPal via the orange donate button on the hawthorne-elp.com website (please include a memo with any instructions when completing your transaction.)

Via smart phone Scan this code with your QR reader to make a donation of \$125 via PayPal.



Spanish Donation (\$80) _____

ELP Donation (\$45) _____

Additional Donations: _____

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 (Use where needed most) _____

For my child's classroom _____

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Science-in-residence _____

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TOTAL 2014-2015 DONATION _____

Please make your check payable to Hawthorne ELP. All donations to Hawthorne ELP are tax deductible. A receipt will be given for total annual donations of \$250 or greater. Contact Kathleen Wilson at treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com for more information. All donations directly benefit our children.

