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newsletter

letter from the principal

Dear ELP Families,

Wendy Child, our school counselor, recently gave me an article entitled “Control the Controllables,” by Joel H. Weldon. The message is clear. There are things that deserve our time, attention, and focus. There are things that we embrace because they ring true with our values, attitudes, awareness, and goals. Then there are those things that we cannot control such as the weather, inflation, and the world’s supply of energy. This phrase, “Control the Controllables,” resonates with me as we approach the end of the year.

All of us at school have a lot to manage and we all feel a great deal of pressure to finish the year on a high note with great successes. Ideally, that will happen for students, staff, and families. But we can’t control everything and shouldn’t try. The best example I can think of is Share Fair.

Share Fair will be wonderful. It always is. Who knows how many hundreds of hours have gone into projects and class presentations. Will it be worth it? Absolutely. Are there things that won’t be orchestrated perfectly? Absolutely. Can we control the weather, parking, or traffic that night? No! Those things shouldn’t matter because we will enjoy the evening and the celebration it is for our ELP students, families, and staff. It is part of the conclusion of elementary ELP for sixth-grade students. It is part of the beginning of elementary ELP for new kindergarten students. It is always a memorable time of the year.

My very best to all of you.

—Marian Broadhead
Hawthorne Elementary Principal

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artist-in-residence update

This year, we have hired an Artist-in-Residence, Sheri Gibb, to inspire the students and teach them new artistic techniques. Sheri is an artist with the Utah Art Council and has been an Artist-in-Residence for a variety of elementary schools in the area for many years. Our students will be designing individual creations based on the themes “Reach Higher” and “Soar, Sail, Succeed,” including hot air balloons, kites, airplanes, and rockets. After drawing their ideas, the fourth, fifth, and sixth-graders will digitize

their creations using a graphics program called Inkscape, to prepare the designs to be cut with a laser cutter. The unique 3-D designs will then be painted and decorated by the students. The final product will be a hanging mobile that will be a permanent installation at Hawthorne. We would like to thank you for your generous donations that made this possible and Principal Broadhead for her support and generously offering to fund the installation of the project.



letter from the chair

Incredibly, we are almost at the end of another school year. As I walk the halls, it is easy to see the kids are taller, with new haircuts and teeth, inches and pounds. But when I talk with them, I understand how they have truly grown. It is incredibly exciting to watch as they learn new science concepts or words in Spanish or finally understand something that has been challenging them. Now, as my oldest is at the end of his Hawthorne journey, I have seen these children grow in so many ways. I feel very lucky that my children are at a school where I can spend time in their classrooms and see firsthand how much they are inspired by their classmates' parents and teachers.

On May 27, we will again get together to celebrate our children's accomplishments at Share Fair. It is exciting to see what interests them and has captured their attention. From animals, faraway places like China or Egypt, rollercoasters, and Mona Lisa portraits, to the mindboggling and diverse topics of the yearlong Personal Exploration projects in the upper grades, I appreciate that our students can delve into any topic that deeply interests them.

I'd like to thank this year's steering committee. It has been a privilege to work with such a talented group of parents who are so dedicated to helping enrich opportunities of the children at our school. You have each done an outstanding job—words cannot express my most sincere gratitude.

Warmly,
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online school directory update

If you have moved or changed your contact information this year, please take a minute to update your information on our online school directory at myschoolanywhere.com. If you need help accessing the directory, contact directory@hawthorne-elp.com.

As part of the annual directory update process, you will not have access to the online directory from August 1 to August 9. Please login before this date if you want to print off your class directory for use during this period.

For those families with returning students, we will be sending an email asking you to confirm your family data for the new school year. If you know that your child will not be returning next year, please email directory@hawthorne-elp.com and we will remove you from the directory. Sixth-grade students will automatically be removed from the directory.

Thank you for helping us make this directory a success!

share fair is coming!

SHARE FAIR:

Wednesday, May 27 6-7:30 pm

Classroom session I 6-6:30

Parent Meeting 6:30-7

Classroom session II 7-7:30

Please plan to attend the parent meeting in the gym. We will have supervision for children on the playground for the duration of the parent meeting.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 24 First day of school

August 25 ELP Back-to-School Night and Parent Meeting



favorite co-oping stories

Our students love co-ops! We asked some fourth and sixth-graders their favorite memories of co-oping parents. Here are a few things they said:

“I really enjoyed when we played human foosball with my dad, mainly because I learned what it was and also that it worked so well, but it didn’t at the same time! Thank you, Dad.” – Lily

“I had a wonderful time riding in Kimberly Johnson’s car going to Kingsbury Hall. She drove us by Andy Condor (at Tracy Aviary) when we were going back to school. I also liked having book groups with Andrew’s mom. She was always so funny and happy and patient.” – Olivia

“I liked computer lab because my mom was the teacher and also, I didn’t know what Excel or Power Point or Publisher was, so when I saw Power Point, I thought it was magic.” – Miles

“My favorite was joking with my reading group and Ms. Cochella about when we were reading a book and we added something to a quote and it ended with lots of laughs.” – Lydia

“I really enjoy when the co-ops volunteer so we can do fun things. In third grade doing the Mona Lisas was awesome. I loved in third grade when we were taught how to gamble by a co-op.” – Max

“Co-oping has been great over the years. It has been very helpful to our class and makes everything run smoother. It also gives teachers a break from us (which, knowing our class, the teacher really needs!). I have loved lots of co-oping experiences, but my favorite was probably yoga in second grade.” – Brad

looking back with gratitude, looking ahead with excitement...

To the families of Hawthorne's ELP, I would like to express my appreciation for your support throughout the 2014-15 school year! With your donations, the steering committee has been able to fund many enriching experiences for the kids in visual arts, theatre, genetics, Spanish, mathematics, music, language arts, geography, architecture, opera, herpetology, and social studies.

As the school year comes to a close, we are planning ahead for next year and all of the fantastic opportunities we hope to provide for the students. Now is a great time to make your advance donation for 2015-16. Advance donations allow us to hit the ground running come August, as we hire Maestra Vicky Lowe for another year of excellent Spanish instruction, and assist the teachers as they ready the classrooms for a new group of students. Check it off your list today!

Don't forget to shop using **AmazonSmile** – we have received a total of \$73.31 so far this year thanks to Amazon shoppers who selected “ELP Hawthorne Parent Organization” as their non-profit of choice. We receive 0.5% of every eligible purchase – please spread the word!

Contact treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com with any questions.

Thanks for all that you do!

Kathleen Wilson, 2014-15 ELP Treasurer



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Email address: _____

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

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Share Fair: Please join us at the parent meeting during Share Fair on Wednesday, May 27. We will have a table set up to receive donations – checks, cash, and credit cards accepted.

In person or by mail: Drop off your donation form with cash or check payable to Hawthorne ELP in the main office, or mail to Kathleen Wilson - ELP Treasurer, 1022 Windsor St, SLC, UT 84105



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