

# newsletter

## letter from the principal

Dear ELP Families,

It is hard for me to imagine that summer vacation has come and gone. In the summer I look forward to reading books that have been recommended to me. This year I read *The Boys in the Boat*. It may be my most favorite book after *Jane Eyre*. Both books speak to the enduring spirit of humankind and hardships that shape us.

Each year I hope our students' school experiences will contribute to their aspirations and prepare them for success. I hope our words, actions and interactions as a school community will provide many opportunities for students to excel academically, emotionally and socially. I hope any hardships our students face will be manageable with the support of our school-community.

The magnitude of our responsibilities to our students is at times overwhelming. However, the goal to build students who have the tools to meet challenges in their lives with stamina and confidence is worthy of all our efforts. Thank you for your support. Our ability to work together and create a positive school environment makes a difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

— Marian Broadhead

*Hawthorne Elementary Principal*

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# greetings from your steering committee co-chairs

Dear ELP Families,

We are looking forward to another great year at Hawthorne! The uniqueness and strength of this program is that Hawthorne ELP is not just a school, but a village. Parents, students, teachers, and administrators all contribute what they can to make it a colorful, supportive, and thriving place of learning. The ELP Parent Organization exists because of the time and resources you volunteer and the vision you provide for our children. As Co-chairs of the ELP Steering Committee we would like to be a voice for the parents as a whole and welcome you to share your ideas, concerns, challenges and triumphs. Please feel free to contact us, or any other member of the ELP Steering Committee!

We have been part of this community now for over 6 years with children in 6th grade and 3rd grade! We look around at other programs and truly appreciate what we have not because it is better, but because it is what we value: communication, respect, and being involved in our children's lives. We have cherished the classroom time and getting to know our children's classmates – they are all incredibly special in their own unique ways.

Last year, we were at an important point for evaluating the value of the Spanish program which is supported in full by the ELP Parent Organization (you!). Maestra Vicky was moving on, so we asked the parents if it was important and received a resounding YES. We are very happy to welcome our

new Spanish teacher, Maestra Sonia Caston who will begin just after Labor Day break, sharing the Spanish language and culture 5 days a week.

This year we received grant for the Artist in Residence program, thanks to your Development Chair, Britta Berkey. With this, we are happy to welcome Kimberly Johnson, a poet and Renaissance scholar with work appearing in the New Yorker who will be guiding our ELP students on a poetry journey this year. She also happens to be an ELP parent.

A final reminder to update your contact information in MySchoolAnywhere, volunteer, share your ideas, communicate with the teachers, donate to the ELP program, and have a great year!

Sincerely, Deb & Mike Neklason  
 steering@hawthorne-elp.com



# congratulations megan tandar

Megan Tandar, a student in Mrs. Henderson's 6th grade ELP class, will be one of nine young musicians selected to perform at the 57th Annual Salute to Youth Concert with the Utah Symphony at Abravanel Hall on Tuesday, September 27th at 7pm. She will perform the first movement of the Piano Concerto in F Major by W.A. Mozart.

We asked Megan a few questions to find out more about what it takes to receive such an honor.

How long have you been playing the piano?

I've been playing the piano for about 4.5 years. When my family moved to Salt Lake City, I started taking piano lessons at the Gifted Music School (GMS) with Ms. Joanna Oshida. Since 2012, I began studying with Dr. Koji Attwood. Last year I entered Dr. Vera Oussetskaia-Watanabe's studio but continued chamber coaching with Dr. Attwood. I'm so lucky to be part of GMS, they are amazing.

How much do you practice?

Haha, it depends. Usually it's about 3 hours. But when it came closer to the competition, it turned into 4.5 to 6 hours each day. Really though, it depends on your mood; that's how it is with musicians.

How were you selected?

About 40 kids were invited to the final audition at Abravanel Hall. You get to play your concerto for 6 minutes in front of four judges. All the kids are winners because we all worked very hard.

My dad was the one who broke the news to me. He told me that I couldn't audition again next year and that I would have to keep practicing the piece until September 27th. At first I didn't even realize that he was trying to tell me that I got selected. I was so happy but disappointed that I couldn't burn the piece.

How do I get tickets?

The performance is September 27th at 7pm at Abravanel Hall. You can call 801-355-2787. Tickets prices are \$10-12.



**Do you have a story you think should be considered for the next ELP newsletter? Please email Deena Rutter at [deenarutter@gmail.com](mailto:deenarutter@gmail.com) with details.**

# how i spent my summer...

Melissa Hendrick  
Kindergarten

Over the summer, I spent a lot of time visiting my family in California, Chicago, and North Carolina. I have three nephews now all under the age of 2 and we were able to go to the aquarium, magic shows, and much more. My husband and I have been working on many home improvement projects which include building outdoor furniture, a new home office, and an additional bedroom. All the projects are well underway. In July I was able to attend a Kindergarten Teacher Conference in Las Vegas put on by Staff Development for Educators which was amazing. For the rest of the summer I am getting ready for the new school year to start and spending as much time outside hiking and enjoying the beautiful summer weather!

Tricia Torres  
First Grade

Summer started off with a bang, the Gifted and Talented Conference! In all seriousness, it is always great to learn and grow with others and get new ideas that you want to implement in the classroom to make it better. However, I do eventually put school stuff aside and enjoy my summer time by playing with my kids, working on projects, and traveling. We spent time at my family's property in Star Valley, Wyoming where we always enjoy river rafting, hiking, horseback riding, and campfires. We were also fortunate enough to go to Washington State



this summer. My first time! It was absolutely beautiful. We were blessed with wonderful weather. We spent time at the beach, explored different areas of Olympic National Park, vis-

ited the Space Needle and the Museum of Flight in Seattle. And of course yummy fish and chips on the pier! The long drive was well worth the adventures. Finally we finished out the summer with a camping trip to Palisades Lake, where we paddle boarded & canoed. In between the trips I spent a lot of time working with my husband putting up a cedar fence that has taken a lot longer than I had anticipated, building a tree house, and thinking about next school year lessons. Even though I have enjoyed this summer break I am looking forward to getting to know my new students.

Misty Clark  
Second Grade

I started out my summer by attending the UAGC (Utah Association of Gifted Children) conference. Next, my family and I spent the week of July 4th in Orlando visiting friends and visiting all four Disney parks, a few of the resorts and a day at Harry Potter World in Universal Studios. And lastly we spent the last 4 weeks in California. My 3 daughters attended a musical theater conservatory, their final showcase performance had everyone in tears. The kids cried because the camp was over, and the audience cried because it was an amazing culmination to three weeks of hard work. We also spent a few days at the beach and cherished our time with our extended family there. Now I am ready for the new school year and look forward to getting to know my new group of fantastic students!

Leslie Edwards  
Third Grade

I spent my summer holiday relaxing in Southern California. After spending time in Santa Barbara, West Los Angeles and Newport Beach reconnecting with childhood memories and old friends, I continued my interest in and study of the films of the mid-Golden Age of Hollywood. This summer, the focus was on the films and lives of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, Clark Gable and Jean Harlow. All night film fest, anyone?

Knee surgery beckoned me back to Utah, where I learned the value of a good knee ice pack and the importance of following doctor's instructions to NOT kneel on the affected knee. Ouch!

## summer... (continued)

I am very much looking forward to meeting my new Room 12 Young Scholars and their parents, and to sharing my love of and enthusiasm for learning with them.

### Megan Jacobson Fourth Grade

It was a very relaxing summer for me! I went to Florida to visit with my mother and her side of the family. My grandmother lives lakeside, so it was a perfect place for sitting on the porch and curling up with a good book. I also took a girls' trip with some of my Houston friends



to Las Vegas. After my trips in June, I spent most of my time in July prepping for moving from an apartment into a home near 15th and 15th. We are finally all settled in and are excited to explore what our new community has to offer.

### Marilyn Taft Fifth Grade

The summer of 2016 was an unusual one for me. I spent three weeks taking classes at the University of Utah for my STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) Endorse-

ment, including a physics class. I discovered I enjoy physics immensely and plan to incorporate physics activities and concepts



in both math and science during the coming year. Additionally, I took a one-week Supporting Success for Elementary Teachers & Students S3ETS class for 5th grade teachers exploring important science concepts in the amazing Utah outdoors. One of my favorite experiences was the day we spent at the Great Salt Lake; my former students know I think every day at the lake is a great day. I spent the afternoon paddle boarding on the lake's buoyant surface, an activity I highly recommend. You can rent paddle boards and kayaks at the GSL Marina and set out on an adventure of your own. I spent a week outdoors in Idaho and Montana running rivers, biking, and hiking with my family, a great way to rejuvenate my mind and heart for the coming school year. Happy news for our family: my oldest son announced his engagement, with marriage to follow at the end of the year. It wasn't that

long ago he was a kindergartner in Mrs. Zaugg's class and a student of Mrs. Henderson's during her student teaching year at Lowell. The time has gone by in a flash. I look forward to getting acquainted with all of the 5th Grade students and their families....and going on exciting field trips.

### Julie Henderson Sixth Grade

I had a wonderful summer at home watching my two babies grow. Joshua is nearly three and trying to exert his independence. We enjoyed watching lots of Little Einsteins, building forts, playing soccer, and eating



popsicles. Sophie is nine months now. She's had a busy summer: teeth coming in, learning to crawl, trying so hard to walk like her big brother, and now she's saying ma ma and da da, full voice, all day long. Both kids took swimming lessons, and enjoyed playing in the tent we set up in our living room. We're getting ready for our big vacation to Disneyland in October!

If you would like to opt out of a printed copy of the ELP newsletter, please email Deena Rutter at [deenarutter@gmail.com](mailto:deenarutter@gmail.com) Subject line: OPT OUT and in the body of the email please provide child/children name(s) and grade. As always, a pdf version of the newsletter will be available on the elp website: [hawthorne-elp.com](http://hawthorne-elp.com)

# got questions? we've got answers!

## Here's who to contact with all your queries.

### For questions about:

### Contact:

Hawthorne dates, school procedures, cafeteria/lunch procedures, general Hawthorne questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Hawthorne's website - <a href="http://hawthorne.slcschools.org">http://hawthorne.slcschools.org</a></li> <li>· Hawthorne secretary, Ms. Janet Benton (in the office)</li> <li>· Hawthorne principal, Ms. Marian Broadhead - <a href="mailto:marian.broadhead@slcschools.org">marian.broadhead@slcschools.org</a></li> </ul>
Classroom procedures, grading, class curriculum, discipline systems, homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Attend ELP Back to School Night on 8/23 from 6-7:30</li> <li>· Your child's teacher</li> </ul>
Co-oping schedules/changes/expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Your classroom co-op coordinator:</li> <li>K - Becca Clingenpeel - <a href="mailto:becca@timidwolf.com">becca@timidwolf.com</a></li> <li>1 - Emily Benton - <a href="mailto:ebenton@gmail.com">ebenton@gmail.com</a></li> <li>2 - Kathleen Wilson - <a href="mailto:kathwwils@gmail.com">kathwwils@gmail.com</a></li> <li>3 - Becky Lawlor - <a href="mailto:becky.lawlor@gmail.com">becky.lawlor@gmail.com</a></li> <li>4 - Anne Howe - <a href="mailto:annehowe24@gmail.com">annehowe24@gmail.com</a></li> <li>5 - Becky Lawlor - <a href="mailto:becky.lawlor@gmail.com">becky.lawlor@gmail.com</a></li> <li>6 - Heather May - <a href="mailto:heathernmay51@gmail.com">heathernmay51@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
Safety issues/concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· School-Community Council Representative, Leslie Keating - <a href="mailto:keating.leslie@gmail.com">keating.leslie@gmail.com</a></li> <li>AND</li> <li>· Hawthorne principal, Ms. Marian Broadhead - <a href="mailto:marian.broadhead@slcschools.org">marian.broadhead@slcschools.org</a></li> </ul>
Orienting to the ELP program, questions you're not sure who to ask	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· New Student Coordinator, Heather Reynolds - <a href="mailto:heathercreynolds@gmail.com">heathercreynolds@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
How to make a donation, how much you've already donated, how to spread out your donation over the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· ELP Treasurer, Devin Close - <a href="mailto:Treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com">Treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com</a></li> </ul>
Ideas you have for the ELP program, ways you'd like to volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· ELP Steering Committee Chairs, Deb and Mike Neklason - <a href="mailto:Steering@hawthorne-elp.com">Steering@hawthorne-elp.com</a></li> <li>· Attend a Steering Committee meeting – 2nd Wednesdays at 7 pm in the staff room</li> </ul>
PTA events (fundraisers, family nights, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· PTA president, Emily Benton - <a href="mailto:ebenton@gmail.com">ebenton@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
Contact info for other families in the program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· ELP-PTA Liaison, Megan Rogers - <a href="mailto:rogers@wgu.edu">rogers@wgu.edu</a></li> <li>Visit <a href="http://www.myschoolanywhere.com">www.myschoolanywhere.com</a></li> <li>· Need an account? Contact ELP secretary Sandra Marsh - <a href="mailto:sandrasmarsh@gmail.com">sandrasmarsh@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
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## hawthorne elementary awarded blue ribbon for top performance

Hawthorne Elementary was just awarded the highest growth in student achievement among Non-Title I elementary schools in the district for 2015-2016. This is a recognition very few schools receive. Congratulations to our exceptional staff and student body!

Dr. Lexie Cunningham praised our school saying at Hawthorne "We achieve." All of us together, "We" have achieved this standard of excellence. We are a community supportive of all our students. We are "all in the same boat" as Marilyn Taft once said and that boat took the gold medal.

I am honored to be principal of Hawthorne and thrilled for the students' successes that continue to happen because of our outstanding staff and school community.

- Marian Broadhead - Hawthorne Elementary Principal

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## save the dates

Aug. 23 ELP Back-to-School  
Night 6-7:30

Sept. 5 No School

Sept. 27/28/29 SEP Conferences  
Half days of school

Sept. 30 No School

Oct. 20/21/24 UEA No School

Oct. 31 Halloween Parade 9am

Nov. 23/24/25 Thanksgiving  
Break

Dec. 5 Spelling Bee

Dec. 26 - Jan. 6 Winter Break

Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr  
Holiday

Jan. 19 Geography Bee

Jan. 26/27 Science Fair

Feb. 15-16  
Good Masters, Sweet Ladies

Feb. 20 Presidents Day

Feb. 22/23/24 SEP Conferences  
Half days of school

March 3 No School

March 28-30  
Shakespeare Week

April 10 - 14 Spring Recess

May 23 ELP Share Fair

May 26/29 No School

June 2 School ends

# back to school night - august 23

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  
Steering Committee Members,  
Co-op Coordinators, and PTA  
President Introductions  
Discussion of and vote on approval of the 2016-2017 budget \*\*

**7:00-7:30**  
Classroom session with your child's teacher\*  
*\*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.*  
*\*\*This meeting is for adults only. Please arrange for childcare for your children.*

e...reach higher  
hawthorne  
p...dig deeper

*From the Treasurer:*

Welcome back to what is sure to be another great year for Hawthorne ELP! Every year, our program counts on donations from Hawthorne ELP families to support our teachers, classrooms and Spanish language immersion program. If you have not yet made your tax-deductible donation for the 2016-17 school year please consider doing so now! ELP enrichment donations support teachers and their classrooms by providing funds for class supplies, field trips, teacher professional development, Shakespeare costumes/theatre sets, math competitions for older grades, publications, special events throughout the year, and much more.

Our unique and fantastic Spanish immersion program is funded entirely by your donations. This year, we welcome a new Spanish teacher (Bienvenido Maestra Sonia!) and have added more value by increasing the number of days per week that Maestra Sonia spends in each classroom.

The suggested donation per student is \$50 for ELP enrichment funds and \$100 for the Spanish language program. If the recommended \$150/student is outside what you are comfortable with, please consider giving at any level. There are many ways to donate (see below) and please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Thanks for making our Hawthorne ELP community so great!

- Devin Close  
2016-17 ELP Steering Committee Treasurer  
Contact [treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com](mailto:treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com) with any questions.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW TO DONATE**

**CASH OR CHECK** payable to Hawthorne ELP. Please include donation form and drop off at the August 23rd parent meeting, deliver to the ELP mailbox at the school's main office, or mail to:  
Devin Close, ELP Treasurer, 1759 S 1700 E SLC, UT 84108

**PAYPAL TRANSFER:** Do a PayPal transfer to [treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com](mailto:treasurer@hawthorne-elp.com); make your donation on MySchoolAnywhere; or click on the orange donate button at [hawthorne-elp.com](http://hawthorne-elp.com)

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ELP Donation (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_

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For my child's classroom \_\_\_\_\_

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