

## coming events

Labor day - no school  
September 3

SEP conferences  
October 10th and 11th

UEA - no school  
October 17, 18 19

Thanksgiving Recess  
November 21, 22, 23

Spelling Bee  
January 11

Geography Bee  
January 17

Science Fair  
January 31-February 1

Share Fair  
May 21

## ¡es una muchacha!

Congratulations to Maestra Vicky Lowe on the birth of her daughter, Lila. She was born Friday, August 10, weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces, and was 18 inches long. Right now mother and baby are resting up, but expect to hear info on Vicky's return to school soon.

## like art?

The PTA needs a chairperson for this year's Reflections art contest by September 15th. If your child enjoys or might enjoy entering Reflections, please consider chairing this year's contest. Contact DeAnn Tilton [tiltonbarry@gmail.com](mailto:tiltonbarry@gmail.com) 801-450-4187 (last year's chair) or Jill Drown [jilldrown@yahoo.com](mailto:jilldrown@yahoo.com) 801-673-0805 (PTA president) for more info.

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# elp newsletter

## letter from the principal

Dear ELP Parents,

We are pleased to welcome you back to Hawthorne and to have so many new families join our community. We welcome back Camille Gallagher and Angie Leone for their second year in Hawthorne's ELP program. Both teachers contribute to the program's success and are highly valued on our staff. There have been some major changes coming from the state regarding how student assessment data will be used to assess school effectiveness. AYP is no longer applicable. Student proficiency and student progress will be measured in two ways: by student growth from one year to the next in comparison with similar achieving peers and CRT proficiency.

On CRT tests 100% of our ELP students are proficient. However growth may not occur from year to year as many students score very high on these tests and there is little room for growth. In addition, a 4th grade student scoring 100% on a math CRT might score 97% in 5th grade and show negative growth. Of course 97% is an outstanding score and does not indicate that a student is at risk. Proficiency in language arts, math, science and 5th grade writing will make up 50% of a school's score. The other 50% will be come from student growth.

We don't know how Hawthorne will fare under this format, which does not seem to favor high-achieving students. However, I know that our teachers are highly effective. Your students will continue to receive challenging and engaging instruction that is frequently well above the state grade level benchmarks. We are committed to excellence.

Sincerely,

Marian Broadhead

—Hawthorne Elementary Principal

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# what I did last summer... teacher style!

## Camille Gallagher, Kindergarten

This summer Camille's adventurous spirit saw her exploring the sites and villages of Northern and Central Vietnam. She and a friend, also a teacher, spent three weeks visiting lots of war sites, museums and even an underground village. The highlight of her trip was a visit to Halong Bay, a unique scenic area comprising of two thousand islands with iconic limestone cliffs, greenery and floating villages.

The daredevil side of Camille had her motorcycling on the dirt roads and switch backs through the mountains where she visited a small village of people that were outcasts from Laos.

Things that Camille will remember most about Vietnam: the peoples' reserved nature, the interesting and stomach-churning delicacies (think live worms and frogs), and the amazing prowess of the Vietnamese people to transport almost anything on the back of a small scooter (live pigs and chickens).

Camille's adventures back in the US included a river rafting trip with family on the Payette River in Idaho where she tried her hand at paddle boarding down the rapids on the river (unfortunately not very successfully).

Camille is excited to start the new school year with a reorganized room and restructured curriculum. She is so thankful for the support of the parents and other teachers as she navigated her first year of teaching at Hawthorne. She fell in love with all of the children and had so much fun in what she said was an exhausting but ultimately rewarding first year.

## Misty Clark, First Grade

The bulk of Misty's summer was spent in California, where she and her four children split their time between visiting her parents in Long Beach and her in-laws in San Diego. Apart from a visit to San Diego Zoo and a catch-less fishing trip on Pacific Beach Pier, most of Misty's time was spent either at the pool, the beach or the park, and in Misty's words, "trying to avoid all responsibility for five weeks, and just having fun." But what Misty will remember most about this trip is the quality time she and her family were able to share with her sister-in-law and cousins before their impending move to Germany in the fall.

Whilst back home in Utah, activities included a

hike up the narrows in Zions National Park, a day trip to Pineview Reservoir, lots of cleaning and home organizing which culminated in a fruitful yard sale, with the proceeds going towards a trip to Lagoon.

## Angie Leone, Second Grade

Angie Leone had a fabulous first year at Hawthorne teaching second grade. Her ability to work with students in a positive way impressed us all and she truly enjoyed getting to know our program and our students. This summer Angie and her husband took a ten day trip to Italy and France to visit friends who had recently moved there. One of the highlights of her trip was seeing an opera in Northern Italy under a full moon in an arena built in 30 A.D.! Her rest and relaxation was followed by some remodeling—she took a two bedroom house and made it a three bedroom house to better fit her family. Other highlights of her summer included finding four rattlesnakes in her yard and spending every Monday sketching with her kids in different locations. We are excited to have Angie back for her second year and look forward to the many new ideas she has for our second graders!

## Leslie Edwards, Third Grade

Mrs. Edwards has kept busy this summer doing all the things she encourages her students to do – brushing up on science and math preparation for the new school year, spending time outdoors and with the people she loves and reading, reading, reading!

Some of her favorite books of the summer include *Catherine the Great* by Robert K. Massie and *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.

In June, she traveled to California and joined her not-quite 3-year-old granddaughter for a visit to Legoland. "The best thing about being in Legoland was watching the wonder on my granddaughter's face," she said.

In keeping with her goal to be a lifelong learner, Mrs. Edwards also is taking piano lessons again after a break of more than 28 years so that she can personally add more music to class performances.

This year's third graders also can look forward to their own production of *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!* and a fun-filled year of learning.

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# CO-OP COORDINATORS

## Marilyn Taft, Fourth Grade

Mrs. Taft has enjoyed watching the Olympics this summer and been impressed to see how “unexpected results have come from those who work hard and believe in themselves” for those dedicated athletes. She is looking forward to the same rewards of growth and success for this year’s fourth graders.

Highlights of Mrs. Taft’s vacation included spotting a pair of bald eagles resting peacefully atop a large pine tree one evening. It was the first time she had ever seen two eagles together and she was struck by what magnificent birds they are.

Her week-long trip to Idaho and Montana with her family included plenty of river running, bike riding and a 20-mile hike on the western side of the Tetons.

She is looking forward to seeking more adventures with her students this year in her tradition of working hard and playing hard with no shortage interesting and challenging field trips, math, literature, writing and other projects planned.

## Julie Anzelmo, Fifth Grade

Ms. Anzelmo learned a new weather word in Maryland this summer: derecho. This type of storm, thunderstorm-induced straight-line winds, with destruction similar to a tornado, hit the night before her sister’s wedding on the Chesapeake Bay. It knocked out power to millions of people in the region; some were without power for up to one week! Though lovely, it was odd to attend a wedding with no music or pretty lights. The annual trip east for her family was followed up by a week at the beach in New Jersey, where calm weather was a relief.

Her family also took a trip to California, visiting Great Basin National Park (NV), Yosemite N.P., Monterey, San Francisco, and Lake Tahoe. They drove over 2300 miles altogether!

Her favorite summer reading included a tremendous number of Ray Bradbury’s short stories, and a search for a great ghost story (she never found it). She looks forward to meeting her new group of 5th graders and is wondering what the rising 6th graders have been up to.

## Julie Lloyd, Sixth Grade

This past spring, Julie started a dating marathon on Match.com. After dating continuously for several months, she decided to try eHarmony during the St. Patrick’s Day free weekend. That weekend she met Jim Henderson, a financial analyst at ATK. Julie and Jim dated for the remainder of the school year and

Whether you’re a seasoned ELP parent or a brand-new deer in the headlights, you’re going to have questions. These are the people who will have all the answers—for your kid’s class, anyway. (Names and contact info can also be found on our web site at [hawthorne-elp.com/classroom-pages](http://hawthorne-elp.com/classroom-pages).)

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Third Grade: **Kay Higgins**  
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Fourth Grade: **Diana Grant**  
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Fifth Grade: **Jennifer Jolley**  
jenniferjolley@gmail.com

Sixth Grade: **Kim Shelley**  
thevandels@comcast.net

then on June 30th, during Julie’s birthday party at Saltair, Jim proposed! Amid a crowd of family and friends, he got down on one knee and popped the question. Julie had unknowingly set the romantic stage by having beautifully lit air lanterns and fireworks at her party. Needless to say, Julie now considers St. Patrick’s Day her favorite holiday and is a big fan of eHarmony.

As you can imagine, Julie has had a busy summer making wedding plans. Julie and Jim plan to be married on October 11th and honeymoon in Jamaica. Hawthorne will have a new Mrs. Henderson in the 6th grade classroom when our students return from UEA. Julie and Jim will spend their first year living in the Dechet’s home while the Dechets spend a year in Europe.

In addition to planning a wedding, Julie has squeezed in time to go paragliding, take scuba classes and to take a trip to Lake Tahoe and San Francisco with Jim and his children. We are so excited for Julie and for her upcoming wedding. Congratulations from all of us!

# letter from the chair

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Dear friends,  
As this new school year begins, I am excited for a fresh start and yet grateful for the familiarity of ELP program at Hawthorne and the wonderful community and educational opportunities that surround our children.

I am grateful for a faculty who continually work to find ways to challenge and motivate our children. We return this year to a wonderfully experienced group of teachers who provide incredible learning opportunities for each child in their classroom.

I am grateful for group of parents who are willing to give time and effort by spending time in the classroom in order to make it possible for teachers to use small groups as way to increase individual learning and to enable them to spend more time preparing to teach.

I am grateful for a principal and staff who support our students and the ELP program so willingly and work so hard to make Hawthorne a safe and productive environment for everyone.

I am grateful that our children have the opportunity to learn a second language in an immersion environment, and for Vicky Lowe, an amazing instructor that works tirelessly to find new ways to make learning Spanish fun and interesting for our students.

All of these important elements (and more) make the ELP a program that I have grown to love. And this program would not be the same without the many individual efforts of so many of you who are dedicated to making this program what it is today. I am grateful for your efforts and hope that this year I can add my efforts to yours in order to make

the Hawthorne ELP an even more wonderful place to receive an education.

To continue providing our children with as many educational opportunities as possible, we ask for your financial support. If you did not have a chance to make a \$45 per student donation in the spring, we ask that you donate as soon as you can. Your donations make many field trips, math programs and special experts-in-residence programs a reality for our students. Your \$80 per student donation provides the funds that allow our year-long Spanish program to continue.

Thank you for all you do for our program. Without you, the Hawthorne ELP would be a very different place.

Sincerely,  
Mary-Margaret Pingree  
—ELP Steering Committee Chair

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

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

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