

Newsletter for Hawthorne Elementary School

**HAWTHORNE
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May 2009

Principal's Message



Gerry DePetris, Principal

Sue Nelson, Assistant Principal

Kristi Enriquez, Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school operates like the mail carriers ~ through snow, rain, and even record high April temperatures, the learning at Hawthorne Elementary continues! We are very proud of the effort our students continue to put forth. I enjoyed reviewing the students' report cards and am pleased with their overall progress. Your continued support at home is essential as we work together to promote each child in reaching their highest potential. Thank you for all you do at home and at our school in the best interest of our students!

Please take a moment to review the important dates enclosed in this newsletter. We have a lot of exciting events planned, including a field trip to Towson University for all students in grades 2-5. This is one of the many ways we work to encourage students to consider all of the possibilities open to them. PTA events and grade level activities are also included.

The technology presentation on May 5th at 7:30 for the Hawthorne Civic Association members was a successful way for staff members to share our newest technology featuring the Promethean Activ+2 Whiteboards and document cameras. Many of you experienced the use of these items during the recent grade level visitation days. Thank you for taking time to visit our school! If you have not seen this technology in use, please feel free to visit our school when time permits. You are always welcome!

I would like to wish all of the grandmothers and mothers in our community a restful and happy Mother's Day! Enjoy this special day in your honor ~ you deserve only the best!

**Important Dates
Mark Your Calendar**

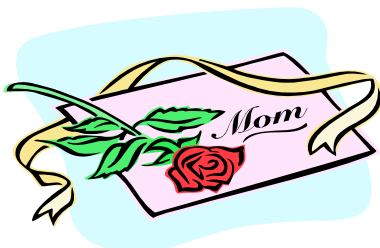
PTA Meeting - May 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Flower sale - May 8th

Fifth Grade Visitation Day - May 8th 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Hawthorne Spring Concert at Stemmers Run Middle School - May 26th 7:00 p.m.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon - May 28th at 12:30 P.m.

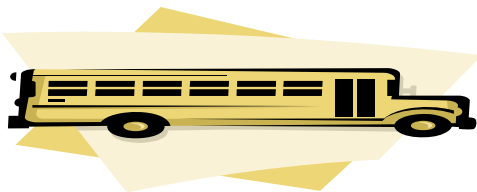


Happy Mother's Day Sincerely,

Mrs. DePetris



1st grade students will be joining Mrs. O'Reilly on a Field Trip to Walters Art Museum on May 7th. Students will be given the opportunity to observe artwork that they have studied in art class. The work is from India, China and Japan and is over 500 years old.



Registration and Screening for Pre-K and Kindergarten



Tuesday, May 19th at Creative Kids from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2nd at Hawthorne Elementary School from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

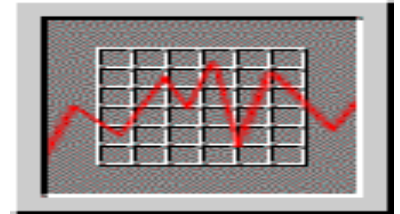
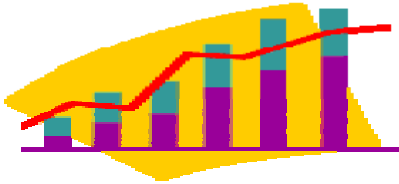
Wednesday, August 12th at Creative Kids from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please call the school office at 410-887-0138 for an appointment.

Parents who have not registered students prior to the first day of school will be assisted at 9:30 a.m. in the order in which they arrive. To avoid having students late to class and spending time once school is in session to register, please do so prior to the first day of school.

News from the Hawthorne Computer Lab

During the months of April and May, 5th grade students will be taking the online Science MSA test. 3rd and 5th grade students will be using the program Microsoft Excel to create bar graphs, double bar graphs, and line graphs. Students use data from in-class surveys on a variety of topics including favorite fruits, school transportation, and types of household pets. When creating the graphs students label the horizontal or x-axis and the vertical or y-axis, title the graph, and create a legend or key. Upon completion of the graph students analyze the data the graph presents. Our Hawthorne students are doing great work in the computer lab!



Kids Helping Hopkins

The student government delivered *Kids Helping Hopkins* collection buckets to the classrooms. The students will be collecting pennies for patients. Each student is encouraged to bring in at least a penny to put in the bucket in order to participate in the spirit days. The pennies will go to help Hopkins' patients who are children.

After each spirit day the buckets will be collected and the money will be counted. The class that collects the most money will receive a small reward (extra recess, homework pass, etc.)

Yes, students can put change in the bucket anytime and it will go towards the next spirit day.

The next spirit days are:

Friday, May 22nd - Pajama day (no slippers, please)

Students at Hawthorne Elementary School raised \$90.00 last month by collecting money in the buckets.





For the month of May:

Pre-K and 3 year olds will be decorating the tree outside.

The display case located in the side lobby will be decorated by 5th grade & Intermediate BLS class. We are looking forward to the wonderful art work.

Adjustment to the School Calendar

Baltimore County Public Schools has effectively managed its built-in Emergency closing time. As a result, we are in a position to end school early this year.

The last day of school for the 2008-2009 school year will be Friday, June 12, 2009.

The schedule for final days of school will be as follows:

10(W) Assessment Day****, Schools close 3 hours Early for High School Students, Teachers on Duty

11(Th) Assessment Day****, Schools close 3 hours Early for High School Students, Teachers on Duty

Assessment Day**, Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students; Teachers on Duty

12(F) Last Day of Classes for Students; Schools Close 3 Hours for All Students; Teachers on Duty

Important news from our PTA:

Next General PTA Meeting is May 7th @ 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Kindergarten will provide entertainment.

This is our last meeting of this school year. Pizza and child care will be provided. We hope to see you there.



Continue to send in your Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels. Box Top winner for March was Mrs. Swecker's class with 577 box tops.

Mother's Day Flower sale is Friday, May 8th. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$10.00. More information will be coming home in your child's Wednesday folder.

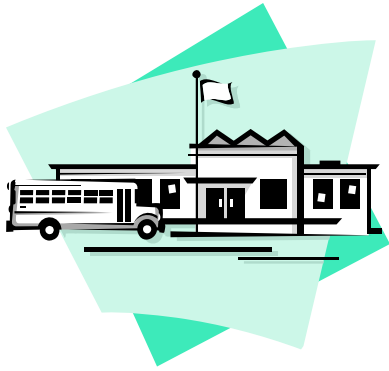


Hawthorne Spring Concert



Please join us for the Hawthorne Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 26th at Stemmers Run Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Our concert will include all 3rd grade students, 4th grade students, and 5th grade band and orchestra students. A detailed letter concerning the concert was sent home with the performers on April 29th in Wednesday folders with a permission slip attached. Our students will surely "wow" you with their musical talent. We are looking forward to another wonderful concert performed by Hawthorne's students!

Ms. Sanford and Mr. Poissant



A Quote from the Parent Surveys:

“I just love the school and how everyone is working together to get the best out of School, Students, Teachers and Parents. I had my child in a different school before, but this school is just the best. Please keep up the great work!”

Dismissal Time

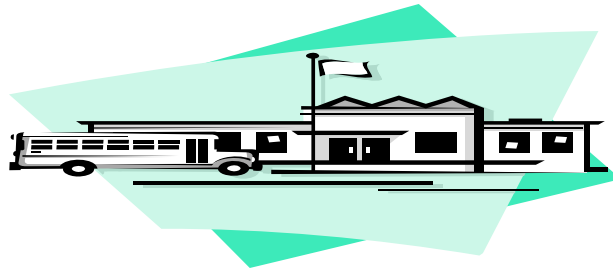
Dismissal time for Hawthorne Elementary school is 3:30 p.m. Students are being picked up between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. which is causing interruption to instructional time. Please try to refrain from picking your child up before 3:30 dismissal, except in case of an emergency.

Happy
Spring



Southeast AAC Capital Pre-budget meeting

The Southeast area educational advisory council's pre-budget hearing on Monday, May 11, 2009 to be held at Mars Estates Elementary.



Fifth Grade News



Friday, May 8th - Fifth Grade Visitation from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 14th - Author T.J. Perkins visits Fifth grade. Parents are welcomed to attend. Please RSVP on Literacy Day invitation sent home on May 6th in the Wednesday folder.

Thursday, May 21st - Fifth Grade visits Stemmers Run Middle School.

Friday, May 22nd - Fifth Grade Colonial Day

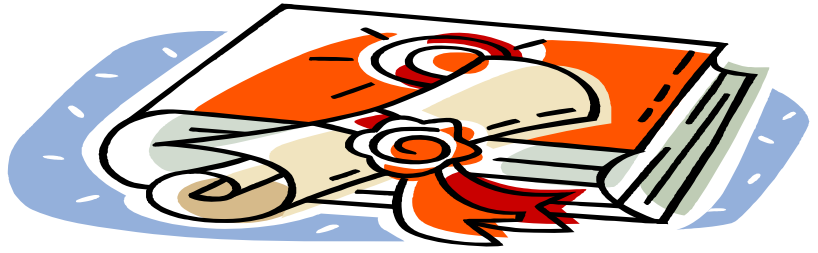
Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

A Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 12:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent home with the students in the Wednesday folders on May 13th.



Thank you, Volunteers

Yearbooks



YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

Get your Yearbook for \$13.00 while supplies are available. They are in color and include many of the activities that the children participated in throughout the year.

Safe Racer and Science Fair Winners

Safe Racer Winning Team for Third Grade

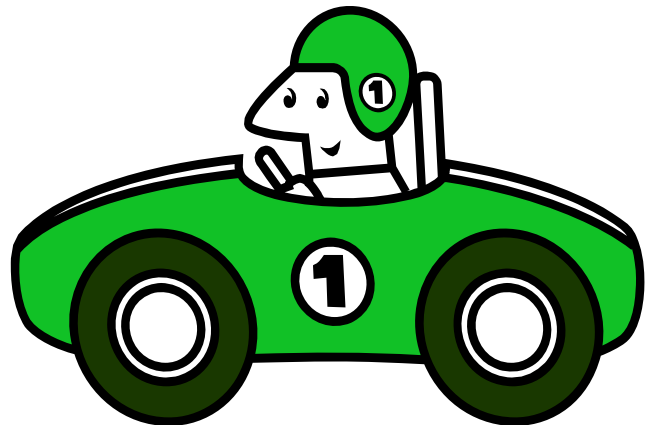
1. Jasmyn
2. Kacey
3. Antoine
4. Miranda

STEM Fair Winners for Fourth Grade

- 1st Place Winner Hannah
- 2nd Place Winner Anna
- 3rd Place Winner Sarah

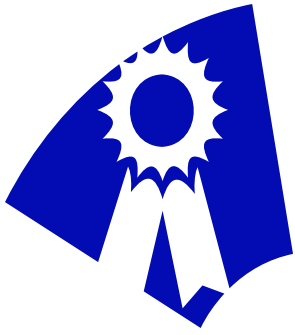
STEM Fair Winners for Fifth Grade

- 1st Place Winner Asma
- 2nd Place Winner Gerell
- 3rd Place Winner L'Nora



Congratulations to all the winners. Hannah and Asma will represent Hawthorne Elementary in the BCPS STEM fair on May 16th, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Randallstown High School. Also the Safe Racer team will be present to race their car in the county contest!

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Principal's List, 3rd Quarter



Mrs. Swecker

Mrs. Rouse

Katherine

Anaya

Julie

Nikayla

Destiny

Julianna

Krystyn

Deonte'

Tyler

Ms. Morin

Mrs. Jankowiak

Sydney

Asma

Raquel

Haily

Alanna

L'Nora

Evelyn

STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Again, this year, the school system will conduct an online Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey. The survey is intended for all parents/guardians, students, and staff, as well as, people in the community that may or may not have a direct connection to our schools and school system.

The survey will be available from a link on the main page of the BCPS' Web site from 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, through 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, 2009. This survey opportunity should be promoted to staff and the community.

Attached is information that can be included in departmental newsletters, school/office to the community newsletters, PTA bulletins, bulletin boards, and other communications from your school/office to the community. Also attached is a flyer that will be produced and delivered to all elementary and middle schools for students to take home the week the survey begins. Upon recommendation of high school principals, this flyer will be available by request for distribution to high school students. Allow at least one week for delivery. All schools and offices are welcome to use this flyer to post, distribute, or send as an e-mail attachment.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to the following individual(s):

Kara Calder, Chief Communications Officer 2010

Visitation Day

Tuesday, May 12th - Fourth Grade visitation day from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 19th - Kindergarten visitation day from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.



Your children have worked hard all year. Please come to see what a wonderful job your children have done. See our new technology! We look forward to seeing you on Visitation Day.