

# HENDRICKS ELEMENTARY MARCH NEWSLETTER

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Hawk Families,

**#BusyTimeOfYear** – Hard to believe we are at the end of quarter three. Our students have been working hard to meet goals for Math and Reading. Students have just completed our third round of DAP tests. These assessment results are analyzed by teachers in grades 3-6 to help with interventions and re-teaching of concepts in both Reading and Math.

**#Dr.SeussFamilyLiteracyNight** – K-4 students have been invited to attend a fun filled event on Thursday, **March 2, 2017 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm.** This RSVP event is sure to be exciting and filled with literacy opportunities. There will be lots of new activities for families. Stop by!

**#Conferences** – Third quarter is drawing to a close on **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no school on **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This day is a teacher records day used for preparation of report cards. Join us for conferences on **Thursday and Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. These will be half days with a noon dismissal. Teachers will be contacting you to set up conferences. If you are interested in requesting a conference with your child's teacher, please call your child's teacher to schedule one.

**#3<sup>rd</sup>QuarterAwards** – Join us **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and 9:30 for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. We will be celebrating students meeting goals set back in January. Remember, PTO sells duck grams for parents before and after the assemblies.

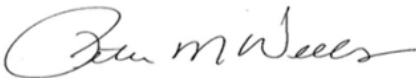
**#AzMerit** – AzMerit testing, Grades 3-6 dates have been set for **Monday through Friday, March 27-March 31.** AIMS Science 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will be **Friday, March 31** in the morning.

**#KindergartenRoundUp** – Registration for our incoming Kindergartners will take place on **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 am** in the MPR. Please plan to attend if you have a new child joining us for the Kindergarten next year. Please let neighbors with incoming children know as well. It is very helpful for us to know how many incoming students to expect in August.

**#SpringBreak** – **April 10-14.** There will be no school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I encourage your open communication with our school. As most of you know, I am **retiring** after 30 years in the Flowing Wells School district. I will begin the transition to the new principal as soon as one has been hired. My contract will end on **June 30, 2017**. It has been my pleasure to serve the Hendricks community as principal for the past four years.

Hawks are A+ Strong!



Peter M. Wells  
Principal  
696-8401

### Important Contact Numbers:

Student Absence Line – 696-4807 • Phyllis Agraan, Registrar – 696-8400 • Lisa Leon, Health Assistant – 696-8402  
Darlene Jones, Administrative Assistant – 696-8401 • Zule Olivas, Cafeteria Manager – 696-8408

## **Title I Reading:** **Fit in More Reading**

Do you often find your days get so busy that you cannot find more time to read with your child? Check out these tips to make reading a part of your everyday routine!

- A “wake-up” story: Start your morning with a read-aloud, and your child will look forward to waking up and enjoying a story with you. You could even listen to an audio book together while you eat breakfast.
- Travel with books. Stash some in a tote bag in the car, and encourage your child to keep a few in her backpack. That way, they will always have something to read with them!
- “Short and sweet”: When there isn’t time for an entire book, stop to read a handful of poems, a few pages of a world record book, an article from a children’s magazine, or some knock-knock jokes.

## **Music:**

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on a great Rodeo performance! A big thank you goes out to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers as well as all our volunteers and assistants for help putting the show together.

Our next grade level performance will be with our 4<sup>th</sup> graders on **April 6<sup>th</sup>** for our Recorder Concert. All students are expected to attend the concert and show off all their hard earned recorder karate belts. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. and students will meet in their classrooms at 5:45 p.m.

We would also like to congratulate all our band and orchestra students who participated in the District Festivals at the high school. It was wonderful to see how many students district wide working hard learning to play an instrument!

6<sup>th</sup> graders have begun their junior high registration process. We hope to see all our band and orchestra students sign up for those classes at the junior high as well. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions regarding those classes.

## **PTO:**

Thank you to everyone that sent in Box Tops! Our final tally and the winners will be posted in the hallway and on the announcements.

The next monthly meeting is **March 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:30pm in the volunteer center. Please join us? If you are interested in being a PTO officer for the 2017-2018 school year, the elections will be at our April meeting. Please let us know by emailing your name and contact information to [hendrickspto@yahoo.com](mailto:hendrickspto@yahoo.com) so that we can add you to the ballot.

Now is the time to begin to collect donations for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hendricks Healthy Hue Run which will be held on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. The kick off will be on **March 6<sup>th</sup>** and you will be able to collect donations until **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. You can also register online at [schoolathon.org](http://schoolathon.org) so that you can collect online donations. Envelopes are due back to school on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please note: We will accept donations for the after-party up until the run on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like any of the other prizes, your donations must be turned in on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. The run will take place on **April 28<sup>th</sup>** after lunch. Parents are welcome to join us. We can use extra help to make the run go smoothly. Please call 696-8401 or email [hendrickspto@yahoo.com](mailto:hendrickspto@yahoo.com) with questions.

This month, we will be trying something a little bit different for restaurant night. We will be having a restaurant week at Golden Corral instead of a restaurant night. Our week will go from **March 5-11** which means that you can go multiple times, at different times of the day and Hendricks will benefit each time. Families will need to collect their receipts from their visit(s) and bring them to their classroom and we will earn 10% from all of the receipts collected. More information will be sent home, so be on the lookout for this information.

Finally, we are looking for parents who would be interested in going to local businesses to collect donations for teacher appreciation week. It is the first full week of May, but we can start asking now. If you are interested, please email us and we can get you a tax deductible donation letter.

## **Hawks with Honor**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Sophia Reyes	Dianna Perez	Gianna Cupis
<b>First Grade</b>	Alexis Waters	Christopher Horton	Xander Marshall
<b>Second Grade</b>	Kaidence Risch	Zoey Schaaf	Roberto Chin
<b>Third Grade</b>	Shelby Mott	Iliana Sierra	Jazlyn Varela
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	Isaac Campa	Ryan Jamison	Katelyn Smith
<b>Fifth Grade</b>	Andrew Delaossa	Candy Cooke	
<b>Sixth Grade</b>	Karina Diaz	Luis Moya	
<b>First Base</b>	Estaban Cota		
<b>Second Base</b>	Neal Johnson		

## **MARCH BUILDING BLOCK OF CHARACTER – Isaac Campa**

### **Optimist Students of the Month**

**Andrew Deloassa** and **Chance Cobb** will both attend a luncheon at Sullivan's Steakhouse on Wednesday, **March 1, 2017** and will receive a \$25.00 gift card and a certificate for continually demonstrating the 3 R's at Hendricks.

### **Message from Mrs. Agraan**

Please make sure you let Mrs. Agraan know if your child(ren) will not be attending school. When you let the teacher know but do not call the office, the information does not always get to Mrs. Agraan. You may reach her at 696-8400.

### **Kindergarten**

Spring time is here and that means many fun activities in kindergarten! We will be celebrating the month of March with science experiments, planting seeds, participating in a school-wide HUE RUN fundraiser, conducting parent teacher conferences, and taking our field trip to the **TMC Teddy Bear Clinic**. Please watch for more specific information about these special activities.

We are asking parents to continue practicing popcorn words regularly with their child. We have learned many of our words, but the most difficult words are yet to come! Remember that each child is expected to know more than 47 words at the completion of kindergarten! Also, thank you for helping your child to read their Friday take home book each week. Reading a book at your child's reading level helps them to get strong reading practice to become a better reader. Please let your child's teacher know if the book seems to easy or too difficult and continue to return the books no later than Tuesday the following week. This helps us to pass the book to another student.

Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's success!

### **Kindergarten Round Up**

Do you know a future Kindergarten student? Invite them to come to **Kindergarten Round up** on **March 17<sup>th</sup>** **from 8-10 a.m.** Please bring birth certificate, shot records and proof of residence.

### **First Grade**

The journey continues and we are so proud of the EFFORT we're seeing your child put forth in his/her spring CHALLENGES! Like...getting to school on time, reading fluency, retell, recording the story on the reading log, math facts, problem solving, homework completion, practicing spelling words, and so much more...

Thanks so much for all the parent chaperones that went with us on the Desert Museum field trip. Your help was truly appreciated! Also, thanks to our first grade parents who attended the **TITLE 1 meeting** in February. Your support with our literacy program helps us-help you-help your child.

## **Save the Dates:**

**Dr. Seuss-March 2<sup>nd</sup>**- 4:30-6:00pm. See you there.

**Awards Assembly-Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30am in the MPR

**Spring Conferences-Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** , Noon Dismissal

Please make sure you made arrangements for your first grader to be picked up at 12:00 pm on both days. Our spring notes have been sent home. Be sure you have returned yours so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Thanks so much for continuing to send in a HEALTHY snack and a water bottle each day with your child. We love the class snacks as well! The weather is warming up and the students benefit greatly from a refreshing drink of water and a snack to help with concentration.

## **Second Grade**

Thank you for all the contributions for our Valentine's Day parties and for our Rodeo events. We had so much fun and we couldn't have done it without you! It was great to see such a wonderful turnout for our Rodeo Music Show. The students did a great job learning all those songs. You are probably still hearing them at home, just like they keep ringing in our ears here at school!

As spring arrives, please help your child keep a regular homework and bedtime routine. Regular attendance and punctuality are critical to your child's success. Give words of encouragement as he/she heads out the door. Remind your child of the importance of preparing for third grade. Keep practicing all 15 spelling words and math facts a little each night. We will continue to balance the important learning with fun activities to keep students motivated.

We're excited for a trip to FWJH to see the performance of Xanadu Jr. this month! Look for a permission slip soon!

Thank you again for all of your support! As always, contact us if you have any questions or concerns!

## **Third Grade**

In February, the third graders enjoyed Love of Reading and Valentine's Day. Thanks to all the parents that sent treats to share. We recently finished the third round of DAP tests in the computer lab. AzMERIT is right around the corner. Students will be completing another book report project for the third quarter and we thank you in advance for encouraging your child be creative with the project he or she chooses to complete. In math, the students are learning about fractions. In science, we are finishing our water unit, and later in the month students will be introduced to sound and light.

We look forward to seeing many of you during parent teacher conferences this month to discuss your child's progress.

## **Fourth Grade**

January and February were busy months for fourth graders. Students began a unit on fractions, read to discover the theme of stories.

Math fact mastery continues to be of utmost importance. Studying to reach the highest level possible of the Math Fact Award requires practice and determination.

The Recorder Concert is coming up very soon, please encourage your child to practice their recorders!

Thank you for your homework support, we have begun to practice for the AzMerit testing.

Once again, we enjoy the partnership of working with you for success for your child.

## **Fifth Grade**

March is upon us and there are many exciting events coming up. Optional Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held on **March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. Paperwork will be sent home with your child soon and will indicate whether or not we feel a conference is necessary at this time. Regardless, anyone who wishes a conference may schedule one. Please keep an eye out for those sign-up sheets.

Just a head's up for early next month, is district's highly anticipated **5<sup>th</sup> grade Track Meet**. This event will be held on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at FWHS and will include students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade from all the elementary schools in the Flowing Wells District. If you would like to attend to support your child, there is plenty of room in the bleachers as the students compete in a variety of different track and field events. It really is a fun day and one that all the students seem to enjoy. Let me know if you'd be interested in going out early and saving us a section in the bleachers.

Our DAP testing is complete for the year and we are now gearing up and preparing for AZmerit testing which will take place the last week in March (27-30). As always, please encourage your child to complete daily homework, as well as practice math facts to prepare for the Math Masters tests given in your child's homeroom. We encourage you to also check your child's planner daily for homework and behavioral updates. We appreciate your support and look forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the rest of the school year with your child.

## **Sixth Grade**

**Third Quarter Conferences** will be taking place the second week in March. Teachers will contact parents that they'd like to conference with, but any parent/student can request a conference.

We are continuing to work through the Big Ideas math curriculum with inquiry and problem based lessons. We are currently on Chapter 9: Statistics and Probability and have one chapter remaining before we begin preparing for AZMERIT.

We are wrapping up our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter books and will continue our Literature Studies in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with our last book, *The Outsiders*. The students have really enjoyed our books so far this year...be sure to ask your child about their favorite book!

Our last quarter of Social Studies will focus on Rome and the Renaissance, looking at how change can unite or divide societies. We are looking forward to planning several fun lessons that fit in with this last unit.

In Science, we will be studying Energy and Environmental Sciences this last part of the year. As we make our final push through the last quarter of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, know that we have a lot of ground to still cover. Please make sure that your student is completing their homework every night and continuing to practice math facts at home.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** for a parent meeting for our Sky School field trip at **6:00pm** and **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** for our **6<sup>th</sup> grade track meet** at the high school. Come cheer on your students!

## **Health Office**

### **COLD FLU AND ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE!!!**

- Please keep your child home if they have vomiting, fever and or consistent cough.
- Please encourage your students to cover their coughs, blow their nose and wash their hands frequently.
- Please do not give students fever reducing medication before sending them to school. If a student has a fever they are most likely contagious. Fever reducing medications wear off in 4-6 hours, their fever will return and they will feel ill.
- We have many unclaimed jackets, sweaters and personal items in the lost and found. Please have our child check in the health office if they have lost anything.

## **Vision referrals:**

If your student didn't pass our school wide screening a letter of referral was sent via mail. Please follow up with an optometrist. Your students' academics depend on it. Please help encourage hydration and eating healthy. A healthy body and mind means happy, healthy students.

## **Important Dates**

March 1 – GAP Dinner

March 2 – Kindergarten Teddy Bear Clinic Field Trip  
Girls Basketball B Team Centennial @ Hendricks  
Dr. Seuss Night

March 3 – No School – Records Day

March 5-11 Golden Corral Week

March 6 – Girls Basketball A Team Davis @ Hendricks

March 7 – Girls Basketball B Team Hendricks @ Davis

March 8 – GAP Dinner

March 9-10 – Conferences – Early Release

March 10 – Awards Assemblies

March 14 Spring Picture Day

March 14-15 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mt. Lemmon Sky School – Group 1

March 16-17 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mt. Lemmon Sky School – Group 2

March 15 – GAP Dinner

March 17 – Kindergarten Round Up

March 21 – PTO Meeting  
Boys Basketball A Hendricks @ Richardson

March 22 – GAP Dinner

March 23 – Boys Basketball B Team Richardson @ Hendricks

March 27-31 - AZMerit Testing

March 28 – Boys Basketball A Laguna @ Hendricks

March 29 – GAP Dinner

March 30 – Boys Basketball B Hendricks @ Laguna

March 31 – CATS Field Trip to Sabino Canyon