

Hendricks Elementary APRIL Newsletter

A Message from the Principal

Dear Hawk Families,

I want to thank everyone for their support and patience during the events over the past few weeks. I am extreme proud to be your principal and I am glad to be back in school to finish off a great year. Thank you! It is hard to believe that May is here and school is almost out for the summer. We are in the process of adjusting our school schedule to accommodate the closure.

The following is the proposed adjusted schedule (Pending Approval from ADE):

- Thursday, May 24th – Full day for students
- Friday, May 25th – Full day for students
- Monday, May 28th – No school for students (Memorial Day)
- **Tuesday, May 29th – Half day for students (last day of school)**
- Wednesday, May 30th – Teacher work day – Report Cards mailed home

We know that the change in calendar will affect many families. Please don't worry because we will be extremely accommodating for any student that will need to miss school due to prior plans. Please communicate any issue to your child's teacher or me so we may develop an alternate plan.

Summer School – Hendricks Skills for Success summer school will be operating at Richardson Elementary, 6901 n Camino De La Tierra. Summer school will operate Monday thru Thursday from 7:45am – 11:45 am, June 4 thru June 28th. Please contact Ms. Jones at 520-696-8515 to register.

Registration – This year, we will be completing registration for continuing students online. Information was sent home describing how to complete registration process. If you need help with technology or registering please come into the office any time for assistance. If you know your child will not be returning to Hendricks for the 2018-2019 school, please communicate that to Mrs. Agraan, 520-696-8400. This helps us better prepare for next year's registration and class lists.

Kindergarten Roundup – Registration for our incoming Kindergartners is still taking place. If you know of any neighbors or friends that haven't registered their incoming Kindergartner, please have them come into the office any time to fill out a registration form. We can also schedule a tour for any family.

Class Placements – We have completed the class lists for the 2018-2019 school year. We will hold Meet-the-Teacher on Monday, Wednesday, May 23rd at 1:00pm. We worked extremely hard to balance classes and accommodate parent requests. Thank you for your support in the process.

Upcoming Events:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – May 7th – 11th – PTO has wonderful things planned
- **Kindergarten Performance** – Friday, May 11th, at 1:15
- **Spring Band & Orchestra Concert** – Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00 at FWHS
- **Awards Assembly** – Thursday, May 24th, at 8:30 for grades 1-3; and 9:30 for grades 4-6
- **Field Days** – K-2 Students Tuesday, May 29nd, at 8:00; 3-6 Students Wednesday May 25rd, at 8:00
- **Talent Show** – Wednesday, May 24th at 12:45
- **Last Day of School** – Tuesday, May 29th – 12:00 dismissal

The office will be closed during the summer if you need to contact the school please call 696-8405 or email me at alan.schmidt@fwusd.org. As always, it is an honor to serve you as principal of Hendricks Elementary School. If you have questions or concerns, please give me a call or come in to talk.

Hawks Are A+ Strong,

Alan A. Schmidt

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Principal

696-8405

Important Contact Numbers:

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

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Hawks with Honor

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| Kindergarten | Bianca Ortega | Ximena Cordova | Aliana Gandara |
| First Grade | Dianna Perez | Junior Garate-Osunio | Madilynn Jamison |
| Second Grade | Wilde Anderson | Joshua Backes | Andrew Wagner |
| Third Grade | Kiley Helzer | Aiden Ortiz | Kirsten Risch |
| Fourth Grade | Rhyleigh Marshall | Yesenia Solano | Evelyn Cupis |
| Fifth Grade | Joshua Garza | Melanie Thompson | |
| Sixth Grade | Tiffany Nguyen | Margot Nazario | |
| First Base | Fox Midkiff | | |
| Second Base | Carlos Cocoba | | |

Optimist Students of the Month

Darcy Linker and **Madison Ortiz** will both attend a luncheon at Sullivan's Steakhouse on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 and will receive a \$25.00 gift card and a certificate for continually demonstrating the 3 R's at Hendricks.

Cafeteria

After **May 4th** there will be **absolutely no more charges** allowed in the cafeteria. Did you know you can check your child's balance online? All you need is their ID#. The office would be happy to provide you with that information. Please make sure there is enough money in the account through the end of the year.

PTO

The next monthly PTO meeting will be on May 15th at 2:30 in the volunteer center. We will be discussing the budget for the upcoming year, 2018-2019. Please feel free to join us and be a part of the process of PTO. As always, there is childcare available for school age children.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation is the week of May 7th- May 11th. If you would like to send in a \$5 gift card or a food item, please let us know by contacting us at hendrickspto@yahoo.com or by filling out the note that was sent home in April. We are always appreciative of all the parents do during this week to show our love and support to the teachers and staff of Hendricks.

Please continue to collect Box Tops throughout the summer. Each little box top is worth \$ 0.10 and this can add up quickly. All of this money is used to fund different projects throughout the year.

If you have any questions about PTO or would like information about being involved for the upcoming school year, please feel free to contact us anytime at hendrickspto@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing everyone back in August.

Music

Thanks for another productive and busy year in the music room! Our final performances for the school year are as follows:

Kindergarten Musical "How Does Your Garden Grow" on May 11th at 1:15pm
Spring Band and Orchestra Concert on May 15th at 6:00pm

Kindergarten

As our year comes to an end, we would like to congratulate all of our kindergartners for such an exciting school year full of great learning! We have shared **so** many fun experiences this year including: memorizing

almost 50 sight words, learning to READ, learning many math games and problem solving strategies, adding, subtracting, holiday celebrations, star of the week presentations, Mr. Too Too Cool, the 100th Day of school, the Q and U wedding, and so many more!! Thank you for being the sweetest Hendricks Hawks and for working so hard to learn and grow! We LOVE each of you! We are looking forward to celebrating the end of this school year with our Kindergarten Show on **Friday, May 11th at 1:15**. Please join us to watch your child perform “How Does Your Garden Grow” with Mrs. McCarthy. You won’t want to miss this special day. Families, please continue to read together this summer! First grade is right around the corner and we want your child to be ready to SHINE!

First Grade

We’re feeling hot, hot, hot! So remember to send your child with a water bottle every day because our hydration station adds to our inspiration!

Thank you for making our Cinco de Mayo celebration a hit, we appreciate it!

Mark Your Calendar:

May 14 -18th: This week will be your child’s last DIBELS assessment. Please continue working on fluency passages and retell on a weekly basis. Your hard work is paying off!

Thursday, May 24th: Join us for our Fourth Quarter Awards Assembly at 8:30 am. Then the talent show in the afternoon!

Monday, May 28th: NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29th : Field Day! Please consider volunteering during field day. Please contact Mr. Ambuehl at 696-8406 or send a note in with your child if you would like more information. We could use your help. It’s the best day ever! LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! There will be a 12:00 Noon Dismissal on this day. It has been a wonderful school year! Thank you fabulous first grade families!

Second Grade

What a year full of learning and fun! In order to maintain these skills and be prepared for third grade, it will be important for students to keep reading, writing, and practicing math facts throughout the summer. We notice that students who continue to practice over the summer have a better start at the beginning of their third grade year. Start summer practice early and it will become part of the vacation routine. Sometimes allowing children to earn extra swim time or later bedtime during the summer can be just the motivation they need to keep practicing academic skills. We will be keeping a regular routine until the last day of school, as best we can! Please continue to send your child’s backpack and homework folder every day! Check it every night too! We will be having a Scrapbook Reveal Party to celebrate our year the last week of school. Information is coming home soon for that! Thank you for all your support this year. Have a wonderful summer!

Third Grade

The month of May will be busy for our third graders. We have already attended two wonderful field trips and we have many more activities planned to end the school year. To go along with our Planetarium field trip, we will be reading two stories about planets and working on a planet research project in class. At home, students should have already completed and turned in their food fair research project. We are working on our food fair posters in class. Please remember to bring 60 small samples of your child’s recipe on Friday, May 18th, so each third grade student has a chance to enjoy your special recipe. Our students are very excited about this project and we appreciate your support.

As we wrap up the year, we will have students reflect on the things they have learned this school year, and set goals for next school year. This summer, please encourage your child to read and practice math facts in preparation for fourth grade. They may still log into the Reflex Math program online to practice their facts. Thank you for all the support this year. We appreciate all that you do to help your child succeed.

Fourth Grade

May will be a busy month for fourth graders. The final opportunity to earn the Math Fact Award for this year is coming up soon! We encourage all students to brush up on their math facts, practice, practice, practice and set their eyes on the level of their goal. Work hard, students!

Fourth graders are engaged in making their bridges. Thank you to Mrs. Wendt for preparing the information and presentation. Mr. Wendt will be coming it to do a special presentation on **May 8th** on engineering principles and designing bridges. He will return to test student bridges in May, to see which bridges hold 25 pounds! Students are enjoying learning about bridges, designing and constructing their bridges as well as problem solving. Thank you parents for sending in donations of glue and popsicle stick

We are very proud of our fourth graders as they get ready to move on to fifth grade, equipped with many skills that will enable them to be successful in the future! They are good thinkers, intelligent decision makers, and hard workers. Thank you families for your tremendous support this school year. We've enjoyed each and every student immensely!

Have a great summer, and remember **read, read, read**, practice those math facts, and have fun and be safe!

Fifth Grade

We can hardly believe the school year is almost over! We are certainly going to miss your children and are so appreciative of everything you have done to support us and your child throughout this year. We tip our hats to you and extend our sincere thanks!

The AzMerit testing is behind us as well as a much needed Spring Break and the students are buckling down to finish up some interesting units. In Math we are working on Geometry and they are drawing a 'Geometry City'. In Social Studies, we are learning about our declaration of Independence from England. In Language we are working on poetry, and in Reading we are reading various novels. Please continue to check grades on Power School and your student's planner daily for academic and behavioral progress.

Again, thanks so much for all of your support throughout the year and we hope you have a safe and relaxing summer!

Sixth Grade

We still have a month of school left and a lot to get through before the end of the year! Please pay attention to due dates for various projects and continue to support your 6th grader as they are about to embark on a new chapter in their lives! We want to continue creating and maintaining good habits!

As our students transition to Jr. High, here are a few tips:

1. Explore the school's Web site with your child.
2. Accompany your child on campus tours and orientations offered to parents and incoming students.
3. Get a map of the campus and take your child to explore.
4. Take advantage of summer programs — academic or recreational — offered at the new school for incoming students.
5. Get a copy of your child's class schedule and mark the location of their locker and each classroom and bathroom on the school map..
6. Find out the length of the passing period between classes.
7. Get a copy of the student handbook. Review rules and requirements — especially the school's code of conduct, which describes consequences for violations of the most important rules.

8. Buy your child a lock for their locker several weeks before school starts to give them plenty of time to practice opening and closing it.

Important Dates

May 7-11 – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8 – 1st and 2nd Base field trip to Children’s Museum
May 8 – Boys Basketball B Team Laguna @ Hendricks
May 9 – PTO Meeting
May 11 – Kindergarten Performance
May 14 – CATS Field Trip to Dan Felix Park
May 15 – Band and Orchestra Spring Concert
May 16 – 5th Grade Field Trip to Fiesta Lanes
May 17-18 – 6th Grade Grand Canyon Field Trip
May 23 – Meet the Teacher
May 24 – Awards Assembly
May 24 – Talent Show
May 25 – Field Day – 3rd – 6th
May 29 – Field Day 1st and 2nd
May 29 – Early Release, last day of school for students

Open Enrollment

Hendricks Elementary is now accepting open enrollment for Kindergarten – 6th Grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Stop by the office and pick up an application.

A Note from Mrs. Agraan

If you know your child will not be returning for the 2018-2019 school year, please let Mrs. Agraan know. This helps us prepare for next year’s registration and class lists.