

Dual Language to Become School-within-a-School

For the current school year, the Dual Language program at Hawthorn Townline Elementary has operated on a slightly different schedule than that of the school's monolingual program. The schedule change, which has been judged to be very positive for students in both programs, was implemented to increase collaboration among Dual Language teachers, as

well as to assure that students had sufficient access to both languages in their classrooms.

Based on the success of this year's program, for the 2009-2010 school year, the Dual Language Program will become a school-within-a-school. The Townline Dual Language School will continue to operate on the same schedule and will continue to be housed in the Townline school building. As a

school-within-a-school, Townline Dual Language School will also have its own principal.

Betsy Sostak, currently an assistant principal at Townline Elementary, has been named to that position.

Parent Meeting Planned

Parents of students who are currently enrolled in the Dual Language Program have been invited to attend a meeting on

Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm at Townline. The agenda for the meeting includes a review of next year's master schedule and an assessment of the program's revised expectations, goals, and proficiency assessment measures.

Parents, or others, who have questions about the changes are invited to contact Dr. Sue Zook as < zooks@hawthorn73.org > .

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Residency Verification at Hawthorn Schools

Illinois state law requires that students attend school in the district where they live. All parents/guardians of students who are new to the Hawthorn schools must appear in person with documentation that proves their identity and their residence.

To verify continuing residence eligibility, beginning this year, students who will enter grades 3 and 6 in

the fall will be asked to again document their residency within the district.

As a convenience to Hawthorn families, this documentation may be provided via photocopies that are returned with the continuing student registration packets (see story on page 2). For families who do not have easy access to a photocopy machine, the dis-

trict is offering to copy the documents at the District Office which is located at 841 West End Court in Vernon Hills.

Acceptable Documentation

The documents that may be used to establish residency are outlined on the Residency

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Board Meetings on Cable

Board of Education meetings are rebroadcast on Vernon Hills Comcast cable channel 4 or AT&T channel 99 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays following board meetings. Residents who do not receive these channels are welcome to check out DVDs of the meetings from the Educational Services Center.

Sunrise Scholars Say "Yes We Can!"

Sunrise Scholars culminated their before-school reading program with a bang! Each school that serves students in third through fifth grades who are eligible for instruction in English as a Second Language held a "celebration" in late February that was attended by parents, building administrators, the bilingual coordinator, and Superintendent Dr. Joe.

Students prepared plays with props they had made.

They had practiced for several weeks for the event and were proud to showcase their hard work.

All students "raised the bar" for their own English language proficiency and had a great time in the process. Many thanks go out to parents, teachers, support staff, and the students for their diligent efforts to make this program a continuing success. We look forward to next year!



Board Candidate Forum

The Hawthorn Education Association will host a forum on Tuesday, March 24, for candidates running for the District 73 Board of Education. All candidates for the three seats to be filled in the April 7 election have been invited to participate.

The forum is scheduled for 7:00 pm and will be held at Townline Elementary which is located at 810 N. Aspen Drive in Vernon Hills.

The Board of Education candidates are:

Theresa Calabrese,
Donna Gaidamak,
Anne Hoffman,
Timothy Shanahan, and
Julie Weiler.

Verification form that is available at < [www.hawthorn73/registration](http://www.hawthorn73.org/registration) > . They include a valid photo identification (e.g., a driver's license) and two documents that indicate your address in District 73. The latter may include, for instance, a recent property tax bill, a copy of the lease on your

home or apartment, or your current homeowner/renter insurance policy statement. Please make certain that you black out all financial data on the copies of these documents.

Caveats

We at Hawthorn always prefer to take a welcoming stance,

but we are obligated to remind residents that knowingly or willfully providing false information to a school district regarding residency is a fraudulent act and a Class C misdemeanor. Hawthorn also reserves the right to require any student to prove residency at any time.



School Calendar Information

The following items are intended to assist Hawthorn residents as they make their plans for the months ahead.

Snow Days

Residents are reminded that Hawthorn has experienced two "snow days" so far this school year. That fact moves the school ending dates two days as well. As of now, the scheduled ending dates (which could change again if there are additional snow days) are:

June 8: Last day for kindergarten;

June 9: Last day for grades one through seven.

Eighth grade promotion exercises remain scheduled for Wednesday, June 3.

Tentative 2009-2010 Calendar Announced

Pending approval by the Hawthorn Board of Education and the State of Illinois, following are highlights of the calendar for the coming school year:

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| ☆ August 27 – 28, 2009 | Teacher Institute Days |
| ☆ August 31, 2009 (Monday) | First Attendance Day for Students
Grades 1 – 8; 2 hours only |
| ☆ November 25 – 27, 2009 | Thanksgiving Break |
| ☆ December 21, 2009 – January 1, 2010 | Winter Break |
| ☆ March 29 – April 2, 2010 | Spring Break |
| ☆ June 9, 2010 (Wednesday): | Last Day of Attendance for Students
(if no snow days) |

Note: Winter and spring breaks are consistent with the Lake County recommended school calendar and with both Vernon Hills and Libertyville High Schools. Yet to be scheduled are get acquainted times and teacher inservice days. For the latest information, please visit the district's online calendar at < www.hawthorn73.org > .

Student Registration Packets

The large, white registration packets used to register students who will be continuing at the Hawthorn schools next year went in the mail on March 13. District administrators ask that the packets be returned before March 25. As outlined in the story on page 1, families who have students entering third and sixth grades in the fall will need to provide residency documentation.

Families who have students who will be entering kindergarten, and who have not yet registered their students are asked to visit the District Office as soon as possible to complete that process.

Hawthorn Happenings

Elementary North now has nine Promethean boards up and running and teachers have undergone special training to learn to use them effectively. These are interactive whiteboards which enable anything that can be seen or done on a computer to be projected onto a whiteboard. Seeing one of these in action is nothing short of magical. Teachers can hide, reveal, or highlight text and images to stimulate discussion. Active participation occurs as students use measuring tools such as rulers and protractors. ♦ Once again this year, teacher Barb Rudolph's fifth grade class is involved with PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter). Students have made lunches for this charity that assists the homeless. Recently, teacher Susie Dicello's AAA students joined in to deliver 50 socks for the homeless.



Each sock had a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, soap, underwear, lip balm, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, gum, and candy. PADS was thrilled to receive these special donations. ♦ Vernon Hills Police Officer Sharon Joseph is working with us for the fifth grade D.A.R.E. program and her presentations as Officer Friendly. ♦ To celebrate the 200th

birthday of our 16th President, Historical Perspectives for Children provided an actor who portrayed the life of Abe. Some students had the opportunity to participate in an old-fashioned dance. ♦

At **Elementary South**, first graders have been studying author Eric Carle. They created an Eric Carle Museum and on March 6, parents were invited to tour the museum projects, read Eric Carle books, and help their students write letters to Eric Carle. ♦ Second graders studied the weather. They had a special visit from Channel 7 meteorologist Mike Caplan who did a presentation about the weather typical for Illinois. ♦ Third grade students have been studying electricity. They participated in an Invention Convention that gave parents a chance to



come and see their creations. ♦ Third graders also wrapped up their multiplication tests and had their Ice Cream Sundae Party. ♦ Fourth graders finished a unit on government and began a hands-on simple machine unit in science. Technology enhances this unit as students come up with unique understandings of simple machines and demonstrate them to their peers using video

cameras and multimedia software. ♦ Students enjoy using the new Promethean boards as they interact with vocabulary, shapes, and concepts. ♦ SAGES sold Valentine's candy to support the school they are building "Brick-by-Brick" for students in Kenya.

celebration on February 12 that had the entire school reciting the Gettysburg Address. The library served as a hub for many of the Lincoln activities and every class had a lesson connected to Abe. ♦ Second graders are hard at work improving their writing skills. They have learned to write friendly letters and have used the second grade post office to



Fifth graders wrote letters to the Kenyan children. ♦ Fifth graders also participated in the annual Science Fair. ♦ In early February, students participated in Jump Rope for Heart. During this unit, students raised money for the American Heart Association.

The students at **Townline** have enjoyed a month-long celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. As Lincoln Legacy School, we incorporated Lincoln activities throughout the school and across the curriculum. Activities for all grade levels included an Abraham Lincoln trivia contest (very popular), a Lincoln Memory Quotation Contest (47 students memorized their grade-level passages and 7 students did all the passages!), a Historical Perspectives assembly featuring a Lincoln reenactor, and a culminating

write, address, and mail letters to their classmates. ♦ Fourth grade students visited the Museum of Science and Industry to explore the exhibits that focus on simple machines. They have also been comparing and contrasting regions of the United States, concentrating on the economy and culture. ♦ Fourth graders are also serving as mentors to first and second graders, guiding them to become more tech savvy. ♦ Fifth grade students have investigated and learned about natural disasters. They worked in small groups to create demonstrations of what they have learned. ♦ Townline students also participated in Jump Rope for Heart. Students not only learned about the fitness benefits of jumping rope, but they were also able to come together and contribute to their community. ♦

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