

“Notes from the Nest”

Hawk Ridge Family Newsletter–10/16/15



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Upcoming Dates of Note:

Tues, 10/20	School Leadership Team, 5:45-7:15pm, Media Center (Open Public Meeting)
Wed, 10/21	Boosterthon Fun Run!, YMCA Field (wear PTA Hawk Pride shirts!);
Thur, 10/22	Last Day of 1 st Academic Quarter; Hawk Dads AM Car Duty;
Fri, 10/23	Teacher Workday (No School For Students!)
Tues, 10/27	Fall Picture Retakes (limited, details available in office)
Thur, 10/29	Wear RED Day for Bullying Prevention; Hawk Dad's AM Car Duty;
Fri, 10/30	Hawk Dads AM Car Duty;
Friday, 11/6	Report Cards Go Home (Parent Conferences REQUIRED for 1 st Quarter Grading Period)

Schools Helping Schools

The Ardrey Kell High School Red Cross Club partners with Hawk Ridge Elementary School to promote a safe and fun Halloween

The Ardrey Kell High School Red Cross Club, a new initiative taken on by students to center themselves around community service and involvement, has partnered with local elementary school Hawk Ridge to promote a safe and fun Halloween for all students.

Club members bought, organized, and created over 200 “Boo Bags” that contain treats and gifts for Hawk Ridge students, but also include Red Cross “Preparedness Action Tips” and safe trick or treating tips created by the AK volunteers themselves.

The students are excited about this partnership and cannot wait for more community service activities to come. For more information about the Ardrey Kell chapter of the Red Cross Club, check out their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/978180402283899/>.



"Boo Bags" are available in the office to parents on a first-come basis, while they last.

Photo caption: AK Red Cross Club volunteers and Hawk Ridge kindergartner Caden Stallsworth

PTA Update

Class T-shirts were sent home with your child this week. They are welcome to wear them on Fridays for Hawk Day at school. Please have them also wear them for our Boosterthon Fun Run next Wednesday October 21st.

Hawk Days will be every Friday this year!! Staff and students are encouraged to wear their Hawk Ridge Elementary gear on Fridays to promote school spirit and unity.

Our new Hawk Gear with our new logo goes on sale this week. Pictures and order forms are posted on the Hawk Ridge PTA website which is HawkRidgePTA.cmswiki.wikispaces.net . Order forms will also be sent home in your student's folder. Please send in your order form and payment with your student and your order will be sent home with your child in November. Deadline for orders is Friday, October 30th.

Boosterthon Time

Parents! This year's main PTA fundraiser is underway. The **Hawk Ridge Fun Run** is a 9-day program that we kicked off with a Pep Rally on October 12. Families are encouraged to get pledges for every lap your student runs, and then we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on October 21. With our big goal to raise funds for playground improvements, books, and classroom supplies, we've partnered with the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun. Students are experiencing an amazing character theme, *Big World Recess!* It's a global fitness theme all about playing with character. Donations will go toward playground improvements, books, classroom supplies, and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!

Yearbook Cover Winners!!

Congratulations to Jurni DeLoach and Abi Wilson, whose fantastic drawings will be featured as the front and back covers of this year's book.



The deadline for yearbook orders is November 1st. Order your copy today at www.jostensyearbooks.com. The cost is \$15 per book. We will not be able to order extras, so the only way for your child(ren) to receive a copy is to order online prior to the printing of the book.

HAWK DAD MENTORSHIP

For the past two years, the Hawk Dads have partnered with the counseling department to provide mentorship for young males in need of a positive role model.

Several Hawk Dads have graciously volunteered to provide these young men with extra help with homework, lunch time conversation, monthly breakfast, sports games and support.

If you would like your son to participate in this program, please email Mary Bleich at marym.bleich@cms.k12.nc.us or call the school at 980-343-5927.

Attendance Line

Parents, please make sure you report your child's absence via a note to the teacher/office or the **Hawk Ridge Attendance Line 704-849-3500**. We want to make sure we code your child's absence correctly. Thank you for your assistance. Contact Sherry R. Greene, Front Office Secretary if you have any questions.

AM Processes, lunch processes—status update

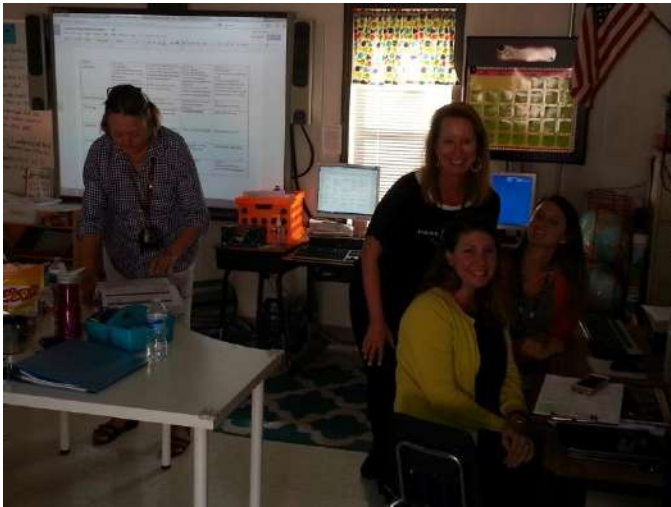
- If you walk your child(ren) into the building, we now ask that parents say their “goodbyes” in the main office hallway. This helps students transition to their day of learning, and allows staff to attend to students. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, we ask that you please make an appointment to confer outside student contact hours.
- If you plan to eat lunch with your child, please wait just outside the cafeteria until your child's class arrives—we ask that you not go to the classroom first. Similarly, when lunch is over, please say goodbyes in the cafeteria, so that students can transition quickly and efficiently back to the classroom.



Hundreds of Hawk Ridge family members enjoyed PTA's dinner and book fair last week!



Our new playgrounds are finally finished!



Hawk Ridge teachers working hard during early-release day to prepare for next quarter's instruction



Let's make it a great ninth and tenth week!