

May 2021

# Newsletter

Hendricks  
Elementary  
School

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Hawk Families,

It is hard to believe that May is here and school is almost out for the summer! I am incredibly proud of the growth and progress that students have made this year in school. As we move into May, things will be busier than ever as we finish the year strong.

**Registration:** This year we are once again completing registration for continuing students online. Information was sent home describing how to complete the registration process. If you need help with technology, or registering your student, please come into the office any time for assistance. It is important that registration is completed ASAP for all returning students. If you know your child will not be returning to Hendricks for the 2021-2022 school, please communicate that to Mrs. Agraan at 520-696-8400.

**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 almost completed the class lists for the 2021-2022 school year. We will hold our annual "Meet the Teacher" event on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. This event gives students an opportunity to meet their teacher and classmates for next year. We worked extremely hard to balance classes and accommodate parent requests. Thank you for your support of the process.

### Upcoming Events

- **Wellness Week:** May 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Museum Day** – May 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Meet the Teacher** – May 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Kindergarten Scrapbook:** Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outsiders Dress Up Day** – May 25<sup>th</sup>
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pancake Breakfast and Promotion Celebration** – May 26
- **Virtual Talent Show Available:** Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly:** Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Last Day of School:** Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The office will be open most Monday-Thursdays. If you need to contact the school, please call 696-8405 or email me at [Tabetha.Finchum@fwusd.org](mailto:Tabetha.Finchum@fwusd.org).

It is an honor to serve you as principal of Hendricks Elementary School.

Appreciatively,

Tabetha Finchum  
Principal

### Important Contact Numbers:

**Student Absence Line**  
696-4807

**Phyllis Agraan, Registrar**  
696-8400

**Desiree Fitterer**  
Health Assistant  
696-8402

**Darlene Jones,**  
Administrative Assistant  
696-8401

**Ana Obregon,**  
Cafeteria Manager  
696-8408

## Title I Reading:

Looking for ways to get your child engaged in reading? Check out these free/low cost reading apps and download them to your phone or tablet!



ABC Mouse



Learn With Homer



Super WHY: ABC Adventures



Read Me Stories: Learn to Read



Kids Reading Comprehension LI



Farfaria



MeeGenius: Children's Books:  
Storybooks + Songbooks

## Music

Thank you to everyone for all your efforts in Music this year! We Zoomed for a long time and then we also had some good times in person as well! I am looking forward to seeing you back in the music room in August. To all my 6th graders: Good luck at the junior high and know that I will miss you all very much!

## Hawks with Honor

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Max Stevens	Naomi Gutierrez	JanCarlo Perez
<b>First Grade</b>	Tiffany Medina	Trey-Sean Colter	Carly Bratka
<b>Second Grade</b>	Ayanna Rodriguez	Karter Scott	Jonnie Otero Anderson
<b>Third Grade</b>	Vincent Rivera	Nola Hines	Sophia Guadalupe
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	Jacob Schaaf	Iverson Bacon	Kairi Kamaal
<b>Fifth Grade</b>	GianCarlo Lopez	Alex Garcia	Austin Bird
<b>Sixth Grade</b>	Katynce Kimes	Serenitie Barber	Alicia Demichellis
<b>First Base</b>	Dante Lopez		
<b>Second Base</b>	Eva Saulette Rascon-Braun		
<b>Third Base</b>	Jesse James Julien		

## **Kindergarten**

As our school year comes to an end, we would like to congratulate ALL of our Kindergartners for such an exciting year full of great learning, on Zoom and in the classroom! Through it all, each and every one of our little Hawks showed perseverance, flexibility, problem solving skills and growth! Although this was not a typical school year, we shared so many fun memories! We memorized sight words, learned to read and write, learned new math skills and fun games, and were even able to celebrate the 100th Day of School, Earth Day and Special Holidays! Your children did an amazing job following the many rules, and mitigation guidelines. They were so brave!

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 a morning of "Muffins and Memories". Please join us on Monday, May 24th 8:30-9:15 am. 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!

Happy Summer to All 😊  
The Kindergarten Team

## **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!

Our Cinco de Mayo Celebration is this week! Thank you for all your help! We'll have a great time!

- Thank you so much for Teacher Appreciation week, the letters and snacks and coffee are so appreciated!!
- 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!
- Meet the Teacher: May Monday 24th, in the afternoon.
- Field Day: Tuesday May 25th more information to follow. It's the best day ever!
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Thursday May 27th and its a HALF DAY!  
There will be a 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL on this day.

It has been a wonderful school year! Thank you fabulous first grade families!  
Fondly, Mrs. Merriman, Ms. Sabin and Mrs. Young 😊

## **Second Grade**

What a year full of emotions, uncertainty, and flexibility with lots of learning and fun mixed in! Thank you for all the consistent support and perseverance this year. We cannot imagine working with another group of students or families. You were vital in making this school year successful. We thank you so much for your patience, communication, and teamwork!

Despite this crazy year, students have learned and grown so much in ways we never thought possible in 2nd grade! We are so proud of their hard work, focus, and progress! Students have shown so much growth from the beginning of the year in reading, writing, math and of course technology!

In order to maintain these skills and be prepared for third grade, it's important for students to keep reading, writing, and practicing math 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. Some other ideas to keep kids engaged and learning over the summer include: logging onto Prodigy Math or Reflex Math to support their math fact learning, trips to the public library or Bookman's and enrolling in their summer reading programs. Read books and do art or writing projects with them! Play school, do experiments, and READ, READ, READ!

Know that we will always be here for you and your child! We can't wait to hear about their successes and summers next year! Please keep in touch!

### **Third Grade**

We are so proud of all third graders for working hard and persevering through AzM2 testing. We will resume our regular homework and look forward to getting back to our normal routine in the classroom. In reading, we will continue to focus on comprehension strategies such as central idea, point of view and identifying text features. In Math, we started our last unit on multiplication and division. It is crucial for students to have their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts memorized before fourth grade. Please make this a goal for the summer if your child does not know their facts. Reflex math will continue to be available to all students over the summer. In writing, we completed a self-portrait project and look forward to our last unit of writing about why it is important to pass stories on to other generations. In Science, we planted our radish seeds, and look forward to watching them grow over the next 4 weeks.

Thank you for all the support this year. We know it was not easy on the students, or you as parents, and we appreciate all you do to help your child succeed.

### **Fourth Grade**

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! Don't forget the Fourth Grade Picnic is coming up on May 24th, which is the same day as Meet The Teacher. Remote families, please consider sending in your student so they can participate in our fun day and meet their 5th grade teacher.

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

-The Fourth Grade Team

### **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 AZM2 testing is behind us and the students are buckling down to finish up some interesting units. In Math, we are finishing up our last unit, Geometry. In Social Studies, we are learning about the Revolutionary War. In Reading, we are finishing up our last module about animals. Please continue to check grades on Power School for academic progress. Again, thank you so much for all of your support throughout the year and we hope you have a safe and relaxing summer!

## **Sixth Grade**

We'd like to share some exciting events coming up for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at the end of the year! Friday 5/21 **Sixth Grade Museum Day**: Students will take a trip back through time by visiting a museum curated by their peers! We are spending these last few weeks working on individual research projects that will be compiled to create the exhibits. Tri-fold boards will be provided. Unfortunately, due to safety measures, the museum will not be open to parents/visitors.

Tuesday 5/25 **Outsiders Dress Up Day**: Dress as a Soc or Greaser! The Outsiders activities & movie screening.

Wednesday 5/26 – **Sixth Grade Promotion Day**: Pancake Breakfast & park excursion.

Some of these activities are incentivized and based on student behavior. Teachers will be communicating if students behavior is not meeting expectations through red action plans/hawk cautions. If a red half-sheet is sent home please discuss the reflection with your student. Students will not be able to participate if they receive more than two red-half sheet.

## **Open Enrollment**

Hendricks Elementary is now accepting open enrollment for Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year, please let Mrs. Agraan know. This helps us prepare for next year's registration and class lists.



## **Support Staff**

### **Hawk of the Month**

**Desiree Fitterer**

Our Support Staff Hawk of the month is Desiree Fitterer. Desiree is our Hendricks Health Assistant. She has two children, Sara who lives in Long Island and Jake who attends NAU in Flagstaff. A fun fact about Desiree is that she tried out for the Radio City Rockettes in 1984. Thank you, Desiree for all you do! We are so glad that you are a part of our Hendricks team!



## **Teacher**

### **Hawk of the Month**

**Cherie Creager**

Our Teacher Hawk of the month is Cherie Creager. Cherie is a Fourth Grade teacher here at Hendricks. She is married and has a little girl named Mila. Mrs. Creager loves to spend time with her husband Nick and her daughter Mila when she is not at school. Cherie speaks French and it is a dream of hers to visit France. Thank you, Cherie, for all you do. We are so glad you are a part of our Hendricks team!