

Mr. Feather's Headquarters

February 19th, 2022

Hawk Hollow's Vision

We will work collaboratively to implement rigorous, standards-based core instruction and practice which shifts learning from teacher-based to student-based and fosters student agency showing improved outcomes for all.

A Message from our Superintendent regarding Mask Mandates

Late last night, the Appellate Court of Illinois for the 4th Circuit ruled in regards to the state's appeal of a temporary restraining order that had been issued in litigation to which U-46 is a defendant. The court affirmed the ability of local school districts to make decisions in regards to mitigation strategies. Even prior to the Appellate decision, we had begun preparing for a shift in our local mitigation strategies which would be announced today because our local COVID-19 metrics continue to trend in a favorable direction. We will implement these plans effective **Wednesday**, **February 23**. We also plan to update the Board of Education on the plans on February 28.

The start date of Wednesday allows us time to attempt to address any concerns of teachers or families, and to allow teachers time to adjust their classroom setup if they feel it necessary.

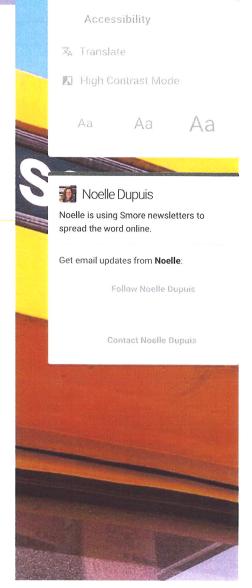
The new plan will look at both county (Kane, DuPage, and Cook) and school-based metrics. The data from each county as well as at the school level will be reviewed by our U-46 Health Services Department which will then advise me. It is important to note that these local guidelines give the District the ability to increase mitigations, including masking, in the case of a significant rise in cases.

At the district level, we will require masks if all of our three counties demonstrate a "Substantial" (eight percent or higher positivity rates) spread of COVID-19 as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health. When community spread is "Low" or "Moderate" as defined by IDPH, we will continue to strongly recommend students and staff wear masks.

At the school level, we will review the confirmed positive cases at sites, student absences for reported COVID-like symptoms at sites, and SHIELD test data. If the positivity rate at any school is considered "Substantial" based on confirmed positive cases, student absences due to reported symptoms, or through identification through SHIELD testing, masks would be required.

Strongly recommended means that our desire is to see all students and staff continue to wear appropriate masks that have been identified as effective against the spread (any of our district provided masks meet those requirements).

Using these updated metrics, and if there is no worsening of the metrics, all U-46 schools will move to strongly recommended by Wednesday, February 23.



Masks must be worn on school buses at all times pursuant to federal <u>regulations</u>. That requirement will remain in effect.

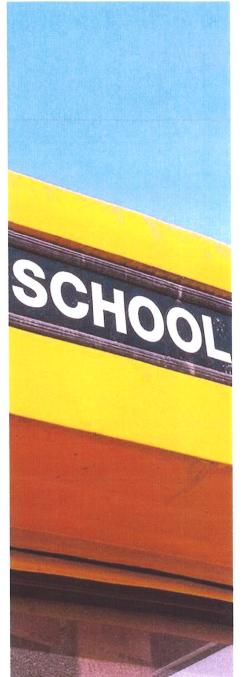
For those who may have concerns about this shift, please know that we will closely monitor the data and return to masks required if case counts suggest the need to do so. In addition, know that we have masks and other PPE available for your use that will continue to help you protect yourself. In addition, we continue to encourage the COVID-19 vaccine if you are eligible. Research demonstrates the vaccine to be the most effective mitigation strategy.

For those who have been awaiting the option to remove your mask, please take into consideration the personal challenges and feelings of those who continue to be worried about catching COVID-19. If a teacher or other staff member asks students to use a mask, please honor that request as a sign of respect knowing there is likely an underlying health concern that prompts that request.

Sincerely, Tony Sanders Superintendent School District U-46

Be sure to head over to Zupas on February 23rd for our Dine Out Night!!!!





Upcoming Assessments for Students

February 22nd - February 28th: All students in Kindergarten through 6th grade will be taking the Writing Pathways Assessment with their homeroom teachers.

February 28th - March 11th: Students in 2nd grade will be participating in CogAT testing. Be sure to reach out to your child's teachers for specific dates and times. Any child in 3rd or 6th grade that was not here for the Fall CogAT will also be making up their test at this time.

https://www.smore.com/3vung

March 1st - March 25th: Students in 5th grade will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment. Teachers are in the process of setting up dates and times for this assessment to take place.

March 22nd - April 22nd: Fitness gram testing in grades 3 through 6. This will occur during normal physical education classes.

April 4th - April 29th: Illinois Assessment of Readiness for students in grades 3 through 6. WE have not yet secured the dates for this testing. Hawk Hollow students will be engaged in three sessions of math and four sessions of literacy this year. There are some practice tests students can engage in to prepare for the assessment. Here is the link: https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/



February 21st, 2022 -

On Monday, February 21st,

schools nationwide will be

because it commemorates

celebrating PRESIDENT's

Day. We celebrate this

annual federal holiday

the birthday of George

President of the United
States born on February 22,

Washington, the first

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February 22nd, 2022 - School Bus Driver

Today we celebrate our bus drivers! Be sure to say a little thank you to your driver today for making sure our students arrive at school, home, and field trips safely.

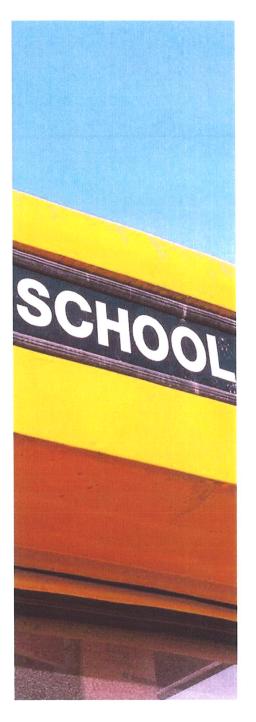
Appreciation Day



February 19th - 28th -Yearbook SALES

Don't forget to order your YEARBOOK!!!!! We have ONLY 31 copies left to sell so ACT FAST!!! Here is the link to order:

https://www.jostens.com/ap ps/store/customer/1688814 /Hawk-Hollow-Elementary-School/



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March 1st - Women's History Month

Throughout the month of March, students will celebrate several influential women in our history.



March 3rd - Echoes from the Mountain Top

Students can turn in as many feathers as they want to be entered into a raffle to read the morning announcements. Five names will be pulled at the end of the school day on the 3rd.



March 4 - No School

Teachers will be engaging in professional development. Enjoy your extra long weekend!

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March 7th - Report Cards are LIVE on Infinite Campus

Listed below is the link to access directions on how to view your child's report card.

https://www.u-46.org/Page/14802



March 7th - School Social Worker Week

Be sure to give a SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Geraci for all she does for our building! We love and appreciate YOU! Mr. Feather's Headquarters



March 13th - Daylight Savings

Spring FORWARD!!!!



Interested in Dual Language??????

Calling all Incoming Kindergartners and students going into first grade, if you are interested in the Dual Language program check out this <u>link</u>. Current Kindergarten students should have brought home paperwork on the Dual Language program, however, if you did not see it feel free to contact the Hawk Hollow office.

Busing will be provided next year for this program.





A Message from our PTH

Board Elections Message from Dana Wojnarowski

Hello!

I am the chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the election of PTH Executive Board members, with the help of committee member Dana Gilpin. We will be holding elections at the PTH meeting on April 20th.

- · Michele Luparello, Secretary, would like to retain this office.
- · Janel Yaun, President, would like to retain this office.
- Chuck Renaud would like to move from 2nd Vice-President to Vice-President or President.
- Umera Beg would like to move from 2nd Vice-President to Vice-President

The following positions are also available and are in need of filling:

- TREASURER
- 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT
- 2ND SECRETARY

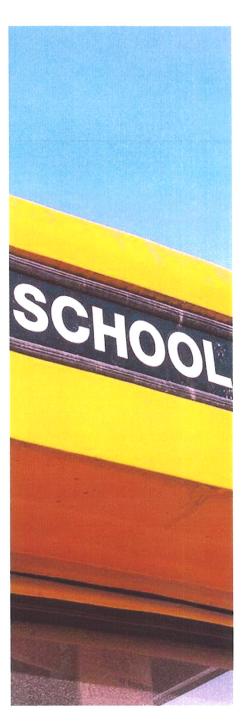
Please email Dana Wojnarowski at <u>danalwoj@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in any of the offices of the PTH Executive Board.

Dana Gilpin is stepping down from her role as Vice-President. We would like to thank her for her tremendous dedication and hard work over the years!

Please join us on Wednesday, April 20th to elect our new PTH board.

Kindergarten Registration is STILL OPEN!!!!

If you have an incoming Kindergartener for the 22-23 school year it's time to get your child registered. Applications will be submitted online at www.u-46.org/registration.

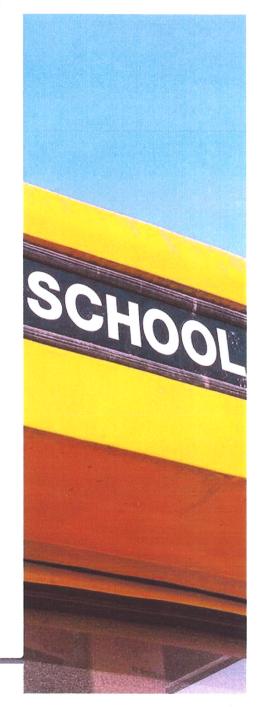


If you have any difficulty with registration you can contact Hawk Hollow's office to set up an appointment to submit the required forms and documentation. To be age eligible to enter kindergarten next fall, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022.

Please pass along this information to any friends, neighbors, or relatives who have an incoming kindergarten student. Anyone can visit U46's <u>Registration Department's home page</u> or contact the Registration Department by calling 847-888-5000 ext. 5717 or ext. 5016 (para español) to start the registration process.

Information about the District's play-based kindergarten program can be found under Early Learners here.





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