



# Mr. Feather's Newsletter

## Hawk Hollow Elementary

### January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019



#### WAYS Divorce Counseling

WAYNE/WINFIELD AREA YOUTH/FAMILY SERVICES (WAYS) is an agency that works with local schools to offer different types of counseling or support groups.

WAYS has offered to host a group for children at Hawk Hollow who may be dealing with or have dealt with a divorce or separation between their guardians. The group will meet here during the school day for about 30 minutes once a week. The session will last approximately 8 weeks and will begin in February. The sessions will be split into primary and intermediate groups.

If you are interested in having your child join a WAYS group, please Contact Mrs. Geraci at [jorygeraci@u-46.org](mailto:jorygeraci@u-46.org) or you can call the school and ask for her extension.



#### PBIS

This week at Hawk Hollow we were focusing on students showing respect. Students who took ownership for their behavior and explained when an accident occurred were recognized on the morning announcements.

Next week, we are focusing on showing we are safe by recognizing when we have strong feelings. We will choose a calming strategy to help ensure we are acting safe. Some strategies could include taking a belly breath, counting to 3, getting a drink of water, walking away, or talking to an adult to help identify our feeling. When students show they can do this they will receive an extra feather buck.

#### School Notes

Welcome back Hawk Hollow Community and bring on the cold and rainy weather. It wasn't the greatest weather to start back at school weather wise and we experienced several days of indoor recess but your kiddos were troopers! We all jumped right back into the swing of school and had an awesome week. This week we gained a new staff member as our MTSS interventionist, Sandra Smrha. Mrs. Smrha will be working at Hawk Hollow three days a week until just after spring break to support our students with literacy. She will be pulling groups of children for Tier 3 literacy interventions. If your child is involved in an intervention you will receive notification from the school next week. Please help me welcome Mrs. Smrha to our staff!

In this weeks addition of Mr. Feather's Newsletter we are introducing our new Mr. Feather's Character Courier report! In this report you will see students and classrooms recognized for their exemplary behavior here at school. This report will come out monthly and will also be displayed on a bulletin board in the lunchroom. Be sure to check out the attachment!

#### Morning Drop Off

As a reminder, morning supervision does not begin until 8:10am. This means if you are dropping your children off before 8:10am then there are no adults outside or in the building who are available to supervise. Additionally, at 8:30 if you are dropping your children off and supervisors are no longer standing by the curb then the bell has rung. Please make sure you are walking your children into the building and signing them in. Students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:30 and are marked tardy when this does not occur. Children who enter the building late without parents are reminded their parents should sign them in.



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## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

ALOHA! Save the DATE!

Hawk Hollow's 7th

Annual Daddy

Daughter Dance will be  
held on

**Friday, February 22,**

**2019 from 6:30-8:30**

at the Holiday Inn

located at 150 Gary

Ave. Carol Stream.

Reservation forms will  
be send out in Jan.:)

Mark your calendars

now and plan on a

Hawaiian Luau!

Mahalo



## Important Dates

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Progress Reports  
sent home (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of the  
Books contest at the Bartlett  
Library

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Student Council  
meeting (AM); Blanket Making in  
the gym at 2:30

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Eastview visits  
Hawk Hollow 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** – NO SCHOOL MLK  
Day

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – ACCESS testing  
begins for EL students only

**January 29<sup>th</sup>** – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of  
School – Dress like you are 100  
years old!!!!



## 5Essentials Parent Survey



Don't forget to take the 5Essentials Survey. We are currently showing 31.8% of our parents have completed the survey. Last year we had 31% of parent population complete the survey. Please help me increase this number to 50%! Remember you can take the survey multiple times if you have more than one child attending Hawk Hollow.

Research derived from the 5Essentials for School Success has proven that schools strong on at least 3 of the 5Essentials are 10 times more likely to improve student outcomes.

The 5Essentials survey will remain open until January 18th, 2019. Please click on the link below to complete the survey.

[https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/?target\\_name=parent](https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/?target_name=parent)

Once you have completed the survey, please complete the form or email your child's teacher and your student will earn a \$10 Feather buck! Any class has 100% parent participation will earn a Golden Ticket!!!



## Winter Weather is HERE!



We are expected to get some snowfall this weekend and I'm sure your children are very excited! So if they are playing in the snow over the weekend, please remind them to repack their snow items on Sunday night to bring to school Monday.

Morning Lineup and Indoor Recess will occur when:

- temperatures are below 15 degrees or the wind chill factor is 15 degrees or below by 10:30 am
- there are hazardous (ice or large amounts of snow) conditions on the playground

Students have been informed of the expectations for playing in the snow. They are as follows:

- Proper attire must be wore including snow pants, gloves and boots
- Snowmen and Snow angels are welcome but snowballs can hurt our friends
- Steer clear of ice and icicles as they can be very dangerous





### Blanket Making for Anderson Animal Shelter

Hawk Hollow staff are inviting families to give back to our community. This January we are hosting blanket making sessions for animals who are currently living at Anderson Animal Shelter. We would love for you to come out and help us. A flyer will be came home regarding the sessions and we had a LOT of kids sign up. We could use all the volunteers we can get so come on by any of the sessions to help us create some cozy blankets!

January 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-3:30

January 16<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-3:30

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2:30-3:30

January 25<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 – 3:30 (Presentation to the shelter with a special surprise)

We have all the fabric but we are looking for fabric shears. If you are interested in donating or lending shears to our building, please contact Mrs. Dupuis.

### Lunchroom

Over the course of the last two years I have noticed the café is an area in our building that can be rather loud. Staff and students have complained about the noise level frequently. In fact there have been times where students have covered their ears stating the noise is just too much. The staff and I have tried several things over the last two years to help reduce the noise level in the lunchroom. Some of the strategies used to encourage respect and responsibility in the lunchroom include open seating, assigned seating by classroom, playing classical music with an option for KidsBop on Fridays, a stop light that moves from green to yellow to red when the noise level is too loud, teachers supervising students, Golden Tickets, Feather bucks, and Cool Tool lessons. Many of the strategies used work for a short period of time and then we experience some unexpected behaviors again. This year we have found when we play a children's movie, provide Golden Tickets, and continue reteaching expected behaviors through our cool tools the lunchroom has taken on a different atmosphere. This idea originated from a visit I made to another elementary school in our district. The principal informed me, she and several other schools play movies during lunch periods (20 minutes) to help with sound and provide the students with something to do when they are finished eating. During the lunch period students are encouraged to eat their lunches and chat with the peers at their tables. The supervisors play the movies and students can choose if they would like to watch. The movie has helped to keep our noise levels down in the lunchroom and we have had a reduction in the number of referrals coming from the lunchroom. If you have questions or concerns about the movie, please feel free to reach out to me. Also, please note we will continue to try other strategies over the course of the school year.

We continue to run short with support in our lunchroom. If you are interested in working in our building for 2 hours each day, please apply online. Our supervisors are amazing and are doing their best to provide a safe, respectful environment for our children. They work very hard to ensure the students have fun during both lunch and recess.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Day Food Drive



In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. and in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, we would like to take this opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. All Hawk Hollow classrooms will be challenged to collect 100 food items. Please send in your nonperishable food items between **January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>**. The food will be donated to local food pantries. Thank you for your help!

### Science Guy Assembly

Earlier this week, your children attended a PBIS Science Assembly. The children learned about historical figures in science, how their behavior/character helped them become successful and witnessed exciting science experiments connected to those figures! They kids were raving about the assembly! Thank you to the PTH for bring The Science Guy here to our building!

