



# Mr. Feather's Newsletter

## Hawk Hollow Elementary

### December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018



#### Tis the Season for Giving

In our school lobby we have created a Giving Tree for Hawk Hollow families in need during this holiday season. If you are interested in helping a family in need, please have your child come down to our Giving Tree, choose an ornament, and then visit the office to share their family will be donating. This \$15 gift will surely brighten someone's holiday. Please return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to the gift by December 19th, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 630 540 7676.



Don't forget to order your Hawk Hollow yearbook before the holidays! The price for yearbooks goes up to \$25 on December 21st. Visit [jostensyearbook.com](http://jostensyearbook.com) and search for Hawk Hollow to place your order.

#### School News



We are wrapping up MAP testing for our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students this week. Any make-up tests will be completed the following week. Once the window closes reports can be generated and data retrieved from the assessment will be used to help guide teacher instruction. Parents can expect to receive notification of their child's scores on January 14<sup>th</sup> when the progress reports go home.

**First, second, and third grade families should be getting excited for the Winter Concert at Bartlett High School this Wednesday. Students have been practicing their hearts out with Mrs. Cooper and can't wait to show you and your family what they have learned. Students should arrive at 6:40 at Bartlett High School wearing their Sunday best. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Mrs. Cooper at [kristinecooper@u-46.org](mailto:kristinecooper@u-46.org) Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade families please be advised that your child's sing will take place in March!**

If you have a daughter in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested in having her participate in **BeYOUtiful Girls** please contact the office to have a flyer sent home. This program is a 10 week interactive program that encourages empowerment. Girls will learn about all they have to offer the world, each other, and themselves. Topics include Body Image, Media Smarts, Bullying, Health and Wellness, and Goal Setting. The program will conclude with an exciting inner-beauty fashion show where families will come to celebrate their daughters and all that they are.

**Coming in March to Hawk Hollow - Girls on the Run!!!!** As an extension of our BeYOUtiful Girls program we have signed up Hawk Hollow for Girls on the Run. We are awaiting approval from the organization but wanted to let our families know this is in the works! More information will be coming home in the future about the after school program that is set to begin in March. If you are interested in learning more about Girls on the Run, please check out their website!  
<https://www.girlsontherun.org/>

- We are planning on heading out to Winter Break showing our school spirit again this year. All students and staff are invited to participate in our daily events. If you are volunteering at school this week, we would love for you to show your spirit as well!
- December 17<sup>th</sup> (Monday)** – Holiday Chaos (Wear mismatched winter/holiday gear)
  - December 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)** – Winter "Cast" Off (Dress as your favorite Holiday movie or TV show character or wear your favorite holiday shirt)
  - December 19<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)** – Celebrating our Traditions (Dress as though you were attending your holiday party this season.)
  - December 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)** – Dress cozy like a Snowperson (Wear warm and cozy pajamas)
  - December 21<sup>st</sup> (Friday)** – Ugly Sweater Day (Wear the ugliest holiday sweater you can find)



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## Notes from the desk of Mrs. Lombardo

We are pleased to have Miles of Smiles Dental Clinic coming to our school this year on February 4th. The dental clinic is open to all students who return a signed permission form. All eligible students will receive a free exam. If you have private dental insurance, please take note of the insurance guidelines on the permission form.

Illinois State Code requires that all Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders submit proof of a dental exam by May 15, 2019. The exam done at this clinic will fulfill this requirement. If you want your child to participate, please complete the attached form and return by Friday, December 13th. If you are not interested, there is no need to return the form.

If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Lombardo.



## Important Dates

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Winter Sing 7pm at Bartlett High School, Everyone is welcome; Holiday Shoppe (occurs during the school day)

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Last day of Holiday Shoppe (occurs during school day)

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – CAC Meeting from 7pm-9pm at Elgin High School

**December 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** – Winter Spirit Week – SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of the Books Competition from 3pm – 4pm at Gail Borden Library in Elgin

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>** – Winter Break



## 5Essentials Parent Survey



Don't forget to take the 5Essentials Survey. We are currently showing 28.9% 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!!!



## Brrrrr!!! It's Cold Outside



Winter is HERE! The temperatures keep dropping and conditions outside can be dangerous. Here are a few reminders for our little friends. Please be sure to have gloves/mittens, hats, snow pants, and boots for your child. We will be going outside even if it is snowing.

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.
- Extra precautions will be put in place when the equipment is wet or snowy.





## **U-46 to Host Parent University on Race and Equity in Schools**

School District U-46 will host a parent workshop on race and equity at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Elgin Community College. National speaker Rick Wormeli, one of the first National Board Certified Teachers, will address parents on the importance of building a climate where students, staff, and families can reflect upon personal and systemic biases to foster environments conducive to productive discussions on racism and equity. Wormeli is an educator with more than 39 years of experience. He brings innovation, energy, validity, and high standards to both his presentations and his instructional practice. Wormeli, known for his substantive presentations, sense of humor, and unconventional approaches, has been asked to present to teachers, administrators, and parents in all 50 states, Canada, China, Europe, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, Korea, Australia, the Middle East, and at the White House.

“Because our District has a vibrant and diverse population, building a climate where we can have positive conversations about racism and equity is very important,” said Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Suzanne Johnson. “This discussion is an opportunity for parents to reflect and consider how we can collaborate to ensure equitable opportunities for all students.”

**Who:** Parents and guardians of all U-46 students

**What:** Rick Wormeli Presentation: Conversations on Racism in Schools

**When:** Dec. 4, 2018, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Elgin Community College, Building E, Seigle Auditorium