

# Mr. Feather's Headquarters



8/8/2020

Diversity: Recognize it, Embrace it, Celebrate it

## School Theme for 20-21 School Year

This year our theme is around embracing our diverse cultures. We will be connecting our lessons, PBIS celebrations, and our learning to understanding and embracing our diversity.

## Back to School Events

Typically Hawk Hollow hosted a Primary Back to School event in August and a Curriculum Night in September for Intermediate students but this year our plans will have to change. We will not be able to host these events in person but are working on a plan for a virtual event and will be communicating our plan with you in the near future.

## Welcome to Hawk Hollow

On behalf of myself and the staff at Hawk Hollow Elementary, we would like to welcome our new and returning families back to our learning community! We certainly hope you were able to safely enjoy time with your families, friends, and had the opportunity to enjoy some beautiful summer weather. We know this year will be like no other but be assured our staff is ready for this new adventure.

We have begun preparations for the first virtual day of school and are looking forward to helping all of our learners reach their goals.

The first day of virtual learning will be Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing updates on what the school day will look like in upcoming emails. Please be sure to check your emails frequently for those updates. If you are concerned you are not receiving emails from our building, please reach out to our secretaries.



# Class Lists

Traditionally class lists are shared with families a few weeks before school begins but this year is a bit different. In fact a few weeks ago a glitch occurred in our system prior to any lists being finalized. Please know we are still working on class lists and teacher assignments in order to align with the surveys regarding remote learning. Our building will ensure class lists are cross checked and ready for you on **August 21<sup>st</sup>**. We understand this date is extremely late but appreciate your patience while we sort through all of the incoming data.

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### Staffing Updates

This year we have had a few changes to our staffing. Please help me welcome the following individuals to Hawk Hollow!

Jessica Paz (Secretary)  
Megan Narofsky (ILP Teacher)  
Tania Foertsch-Bays (ILP Teacher)  
Claudia Spinnato, Joslyn Diaz, &  
Carla Chatman (ILP  
Paraprofessional)  
Holly Fels (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher)  
Laura Abernethy (6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Teacher)  
Maureen Parker (Instructional  
Coach)  
Nanci Skidmore (Intervention &  
Enrichment Interventionist)  
Amy Kara (Speech Pathologist)  
Elizabeth Runia (Psychologist)  
Christine Lichoyst (Occupational  
Therapist)  
Lisa Paddock (Tech)  
Nicolas Leras (Art)  
Dajhumbay Russell (Music)

### U-46 COVID-19 Communications

For up to date information regarding, COVID-19 supports, updates, and resources click on this link:

<https://www.u-46.org/Page/15532>

### Registration

Hawk Hollow will be hosting registration appointments (8-3:30pm) at the school next week. Please call the front office (630)540-7676 to make an appointment for registration. Safety and cleaning precautions will be in place to ensure those entering the building and our employees are safe. Only one parent is allowed to enter the building and masks must be worn during registration.



# Chromebook Concerns???

If your child's Chromebook is not working properly, you can set up an appointment via this link: <https://district.u-46.org/supportform/>  
Our Techs will be available at Hawk Hollow to support you.



## Health Services Information

Students entering Kindergarten and 6th grade are typically required to submit health records to school on or before the first day of school but this year that requirement has been extended to Oct. 15, 2020. For more information, please visit the District's [Health Services Department section](#).

## School Calendar Updates

The District's website is also where you'll find the [official calendar](#) for the 2020-21 school year, including important dates like winter break, school holidays and the last day of school (June 2, 2021, if no emergency days are used).

## Chromebook Distribution

Beginning next week, the district will be delivering Chromebooks to buildings. Once we have the Chromebooks we will be reaching out to families to set up distribution. If you have a student in need of a Chromebook and DO NOT receive communication from the school **by August 14<sup>th</sup>**, please email [noelledupuis@u-46.org](mailto:noelledupuis@u-46.org)

# Social Emotional Health

We recommend that you make time for a conversation with your child before Aug. 24 about how they feel about the new school year. We recognize that students have faced social and emotional challenges during this uncertain time. Talking about their hopes and concerns - and your family's own expectations and school-year routines -- can help everyone start off the year with a positive attitude. We will also be focused on our students' social and emotional well being as we start the school year. If you need support or assistance our social worker and staff are here to assist, please don't hesitate to reach out.