

Mr. Feather's Headquarters

September 7th, 2019

Principal Notes

As I walked through classrooms, I had the opportunity to see great minds at work! In first grade, your children were asked to write about what they wanted to be when they grew up. One of my friends wrote about wanting to be a contortionist. When I asked her what that word meant she shared about Marina, a young lady who is a self-taught contortionist. She went on to say you need to be flexible to have this job and because she is in gymnastics she is learning. I was so proud of her aspiration and her ability to explain the meaning of such a strong word. As I continued my walk, I visited Miss Mastroianni's room and learned her students were researching inventions. One young man shared his research on plastic. He was able to tell me when it was invented the world thought it was a great invention but now we know it is not good for the environment. He went on to say we need to get rid of plastic and we giggled about saving the turtles! I love having the opportunity to walk through classrooms and speak to your children. Their little minds are hard at work all day long which makes me so proud. We are off to a great start this school year!

PTH NEWS

Walk for the Hawks is right around the corner! Be sure to share out the 99 Pledges page this weekend to all your family and friends. As of today we have raised \$3,165. Remind your kiddos if they raise \$100 or more they get to pour slime over their PRINCIPAL!!!

<http://www.99pledges.com/fund/2019WFHawks1>

Spirit Week

Monday - Bring your favorite stuffed animal to school

Tuesday - University Spirit Wear - Wear your favorite college attire

Wednesday - Hawk Hollow Spirit Day - Wear Hawk Hollow clothing

Thursday - Sports Team - Wear your favorite sports team gear (GO PACKERS!!!!!!)

Friday - Dress for Success - Dress in your best because it's picture day

School Improvement Goals for 19-20

At the end of the school year, our staff came together to have conversations around our school wide data. Through those conversations, we noticed a pattern with vocabulary acquisition. In order to address this area we set a goal to become more explicit with teaching vocabulary. You will find a vocabulary section within teacher newsletters and we encourage you to ask your children about new words they have learned in school. I can certainly tell you we have seen and heard our children using words they are learning in class outside of school. In fact, Mrs. Lackowski stopped me one morning on my way into the building to share her story. At church one of her students sought her out to tell her, "Mrs. Lackowski, I had the gumption to go off the diving board." Of course, Mrs. Lackowski was elated by his comment because they had just learned that word in class and he used it in the correct context outside of school! When they completed their conversation this little mans older sister looked at Mrs. Lackowski to share her amazement. She didn't learn words like that when she was in second grade! It's stories like this that fill our hearts and confirm our daily work together is making a difference. If you have a story you would like shared in our newsletter, please reach out to me. I would love to hear from our parents how you have seen our instruction carry over into your child's daily activities.



Dismissal & Car Rider Procedures

Our school day ends at 2:30 and at this time, students will begin exiting the school to head home. We have specific doors the kids will exit for cars, buses, or as a walker.

- Bus Students exit Door 5
- Car riders exit the Main Doors
- Walkers exit Door 3

If you are walking home with your child please head to Door 3 near Mrs. Liner's Kindergarten classroom. If your child is a car rider please make sure to get a car rider tag from the office and display it in your automobile. Our car rider line typically takes 15 minutes from dismissal until our last student leaves. We ask that you respect each other and stay in your car during this process. We thank you for your cooperation.

School Directory

Be sure to complete the link for the school directory. The PTH will be compiling the information soon to send out to families.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCkppq9eX-BNMxjCX7-FEzvU9vOmCnXWDnJoXpDQBoBrL5sjA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR364DFq6v2_ISR8 udVORn4_9dlIHOD2TPP_ZxFOH1g6uOxXp2j2FEXLePw

PBIS and SEL

PBIS: You can find our PBIS calendar attached to the email . The calendar lists dates when students can purchase items with their feather bucks. If you have questions regarding specifics, please reach out to your classroom teacher.

SEL: This week we will be reminding students how to be responsible. Your children will hear the following message on the morning announcements: Being responsible helps everyone feel safe and welcome. Being responsible helps make our school a place where everyone can learn. When we're responsible we can be trusted to do the right thing. We help others. We clean up our messes. We admit when we make mistakes or do the wrong thing. This week, think about how you can be responsible and do the right thing in class, in the lunchroom, and out at recess.

Dates to Remember

September 9th - 13th: Spirit Week

September 11th: Walk for Hawks

September 13th: Picture Day

September 16th: Practice Run, Hide, Fight Drill (formerly lockdown)

September 23rd - 26th: Book Fair

September 25th: Bus Evacuation

September 26th: College Bound Literacy Night & Book Fair Night from 5:30-7:00

September 27th: No School, Teachers in PD