

Principal's Coffee

Friday, February 8, 2019th

Parents were welcomed and greeted by our Principal and Parent Family Liaison

Upcoming Events:

- Book Fair February 22-March 1
- Science Night February 28th 5-6:30 PM
- Volunteers are needed for these events

PTA Meeting: February 20th at 6:00 PM

- Please join \$10 per member
- Help us decide how the money will be spent.
- Food and childcare will be provided

Upcoming STAAR Simulations

- Helps students learn pacing
- Gives students an idea of what to expect
- Helps teachers gather data to see where kids are at and what they need to target
- Fourth Grade Writing is a Field Test

Valentine's Day Card Exchange 5th grade and below. No parties due to Nutritional Guidelines rules.

Charter Update and Reminders

- We are a public, in district charter school.
- The charter makes us a choice school and gives us some flexibility with curriculum.
- We look at our needs and then develop a plan to meet these needs.

Step 1: Analyze Data

- Where are we academically? We are compared to other schools throughout the state to schools with comparable demographics. (Currently our test scores and growth put us at level D)
- Where are we with family engagement? (Maintaining but not growing)

Step 2: Identify Challenges

- Academics are our first priority
- We need to grow.
- We must address our ELL and Special Education population as these scores have not been showing the improvement we need.
- Social Emotional Learning needs to be addressed as students are coming with needs that show themselves as behavior problems and interfere with learning.

- We need to identify the third challenge to be addressed.

Step 3: Develop Strategies/Adopt Programs (This step has not been completed.)

Progress thus far:

- CLT has been looking at data and feedback
- We are forming a design team that will consist of 5 parents and 5 teachers that represent grade levels, ELL, and special education population.
- Work together to formulate a plan
- Must commit to attend 4 meetings
- Committee will develop Charter Plan and send out letter explaining

What We Know

- There have been changes in our community
- Looking back at the past three years:
 1. Assessment has changed.
 2. We are ranked a D school.
 3. The fact is that progress is not being made.

Please note: Hawthorne website now has a tab on the left menu that says Charter. Click on the tab to check agendas and minutes as well as provide your feedback.

Timeline:

- Deadline is May to go to the board.
- First week of April charter must be presented to the district committee.

Parent input about Charter:

- This is an exciting time for Hawthorne to redefine what we can be. We are a unique school in a unique location at a unique time.
- Meetings should include more input from parents. Parents are willing to host forums.
- Family engagement and building relationships is key.
- Community partners can be beneficial.
- We can look at different pieces from different programs.
- We need to understand how all issues are related-academic and social.
- Building student engagement is important.
- Speaking opportunities for students like presentations that involve family would be nice.
- Target early learners with projects so they develop their skills.
- Encourage our older students to be leaders. A program like PALS would be beneficial.
- Make sure everyone is represented

Parent names were drawn for committee and they will be contacted to see if they accept.