

HAWKINS HERALD



Hawkins STEMM Academy
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Calendar of Events

April 19-May7 – Ohio State Tests (Math/Science)
April 31 – Mid Term Grades Mailed
May 3-7 – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 27 – Last Day of School
June 4 – Report Cards Mailed

Mrs. Stretavski, Principal
Mr. Hayes, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Byers, Secretary
Ms. Wilson, School Counselor
Mrs. Cunningham, School Nurse
Ms. Taylor, Food Service Manager
Mr. Jason Kendall, Site Coordinator



Classroom News

- Our first graders have been completing a STEMM project in which they designed a wand that would allow them to blow bubbles.
- The second and third graders are beginning a new PBL on ecology. We are learning about garbage: how much garbage we all make, where it all goes, what kinds of garbage decomposes the quickest, and what we can do to reduce the amount of garbage in landfills. We all have compost bins in our classrooms and we will be doing some projects in coordination with Keep Toledo Lucas County Beautiful. Eventually, look for our projects that we make out of "garbage"!
- The third grade also had a zoom call with the young women from the University of Toledo's Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. They read a book called "I Will Light It Up Blue!" and spoke to the students about Autism Awareness.

IMPORTANT BUILDING PROCEDURES

- Security - New this year is a security and contact tracing requirement that EVERY person who enters the building must provide their state ID in the main office. The ID will be scanned by the

RAPTOR Visitor Management System. This system screens and tracks everyone coming in and out of TPS buildings. Benefits:

- Accurate and reliable visitor details and sign-in history are recorded for every visitor that enters our schools which includes COVID questioning for tracing purposes if needed.
- The system checks visitors against a custom database set by TPS, which may contain custody alerts and/or banned visitors.
- Early Pickup - The end of the school day at Hawkins tends to be very busy. If your child needs to be released early, please do so before 2:45 p.m. No exceptions!
- Dismissal - Please follow all staff directions at dismissal. Just a reminder, we need to leave space for the busses to park and to follow the appropriate traffic patterns at dismissal. Students K-3 are dismissed at 3:10 p.m. and grades 4-6 at 3:15 p.m. Due to state requirements, 7 & 8th grade students are not released until 3:30 p.m. Please be on time to pick up your student(s) as there is no child care for students after 3:30 p.m. All bus riders will wait in classrooms for their bus to arrive, and younger sibling(s) waiting to walk with their older sibling(s) will be held in the atrium at dismissal. Once the buses begin to arrive, students will be walked to their designated bus. Once older walkers are dismissed, they are permitted to stop by the atrium and pick up their younger siblings

Hawkins STEMM Academy APP!

We are proud to announce that HAWKINS STEMM has our own mobile app! Download our app today and stay in touch with what's happening at Hawkins. Push notifications will be sent for important events like delays/closings, meetings, etc. Search for: Hawkins TPS in your App Store!



From Nurse Ashley

- Covid-19 Symptoms: Parents please remember that students should NOT be coming to school if they have ANY of the following symptoms: Cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, fever, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, headache, body aches, chills, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea. If your student has any of these symptoms call/email me to discuss when your student may return to school.
- Breakfast: Please make sure your student is eating a healthy breakfast before school. This important meal helps wake up the body and gives it the energy boost it needs to start the day
- Attention 6th grade parents and incoming kindergarten parents: Your students are required to receive certain immunizations prior to starting 7th grade and kindergarten. Please check with your health care provider to see if your student is up to date and if not please make an appointment soon to get them up to date. A copy of updated immunization records should be turned in to the office.
- March Madness of Fruits and Vegetables: This past month students have been polled at lunch time about their favorite fruit or vegetable. In the bracket style tournament, watermelon has been voted as the favorite for Hawkins students. We will celebrate with a watermelon snack at lunch once we return from spring break.

From our community partner, Epworth UMC

Hawkins STEMM Academy and the Epworth-Hawkins STEMM Academy Partnership are piloting a new way to tutor students. The partnership's Leadership Team has been working with Toledo Public Schools to establish a virtual learning space where tutors and students can meet to work on teacher determined projects to assist students. All tutoring will take place in response to teacher requests, and parents/guardians must complete a permission slip before tutoring can start. We are piloting this initiative with a few tutors, students, and teachers to work out any issues that may arise, and will then share what we have learned with others interested in virtual tutoring. Kudos to Ms. Brady, Ms. Lustic, and Ms. Purdue, and tutors Sherry Clark, Polly Richardson, and Cathy Schuster for their willingness to participate in this new initiative!

National Consumer Protection Week

Each year, Ohio promotes National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) to remind Ohioans about identity theft and the steps they can take to protect their personal information. This year, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost launched an awareness campaign for NCPW aimed at parents to alert them to the fact that children under 18 years of age are one of the most vulnerable populations when it comes to identity theft.

Child identity theft occurs when someone fraudulently uses a child's identity to open accounts or receive benefits. The imposter may be a family member, friend or a stranger and may use the child's name and Social Security number to open new accounts for cell phones, utilities and credit cards. Imposters may get away with using a child's identity for years before the crime is discovered.

To help combat this problem, the following video explains what parents can do to monitor and protect their child's personal information and explains what a child security freeze is and how to put one in place for their children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y10sEjOhj8w&feature=youtu.be> **Contact Information**

Please keep all contact and medical information current. If your student's contact and/or medical information changes, please send the new information to the school with your child or call the school at 419-671-1550.

T.A.C.K.L.E., A School-Based Services Program

The T.A.C.K.L.E. program will return to Hawkins this school year. The goal of the program is to "build collaborative relationships with schools and community resources to address the mental health and school success of children and adolescents." The program provides consultation to parents, intervention for students, and resource connections for families. Our T.A.C.K.L.E. case manager is Ms. Reagan Boice. For more information about the program and its resources, please email Ms. Boice at rboice@rfstackle.com



Pop Tabs

Families continue to send in pop tabs from soda/cans as we collect them for the Ronald McDonald Home. You can send them in anytime with your child! The Ronald McDonald Home is able to generate thousands of dollars from our pop tab collection program every year and that helps us keep the lights on! That's important for our House, which is open 24 hours/day, 365 days a year. And it wouldn't be possible without the amazing support of children and adults who faithfully collect the tabs. It's an easy way to do something good and make a difference in the life of a seriously ill child.

Box Tops For Education

Hawkins STEMM would love your support through the Box tops for Education Program. In the past the Box Tops Label would be cut off and sent to school. Now there is an app and it is very user friendly. Once you download it, choose Hawkins STEMM as your designated school. Each time you buy groceries, open the app and scan your receipt.



Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



Hello Wonderful Families,

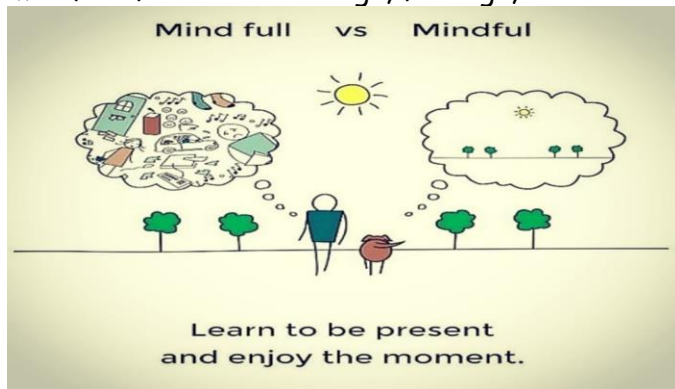
We have actually survived an entire calendar year of living during a pandemic. Can we all agree that this experience has been unique? This is just another reason why it's imperative to **pause and reflect** on all the hard work that we've already done to get to where we are today. Taking a moment to celebrate the small accomplishments and notice how far we've come through this pandemic is so important. We also have to be the loudest cheerleaders, reminding our children that they too are resilient and can do hard things. Children see how we model our coping skills and learn from our examples, so knowing how to care for ourselves as well as them is just as important.



Below are some mindful practices that can help **children and adults** cope with daily events and help find some pause throughout day-to-day tasks:

- **Squeeze Muscles:** Starting at your toes, pick one muscle and squeeze it tight. Count to five. Release, and notice how your body changes. Repeat exercise moving up your body.
- **Belly Breathing:** Put one hand on your stomach and one hand on your chest. Slowly breathe in from your stomach (expand like a balloon) and slowly breathe out (deflate).
- **Mindful Meal:** Pay attention to the smell, taste and look of your food. No multitasking.
- **Meditation:** Sit in a relaxed, comfortable position. Pick something to focus on, like your breath. When your mind wanders, bring your attention back to your breath.
- **Blowing Bubbles:** Notice their shapes, textures and colors.
- **Coloring:** Color something. Focus on the colors and designs.
- **Listening to Music:** Focus on the whole song, or listen specifically to the voice or an instrument.

It does not have to be complicated. Being mindful is what it sounds like. Taking time to focus on the present, being intentional and thoughtful about where we are and how we're feeling. Trying to center our thoughts and be in the moment. Sounds simple, but it takes work, especially now when concerns about what the future holds feel so pressing. Mindful activities can help. Let's take time each day to be mindful of our surroundings, feelings, and take that needed breath.



Ms Wilson's Virtual School Counseling Office

WHAT'S (IN)SIDE?

- Find out what a school counselor does.
- **Counselor Contact Form.** (Use the live link. How can I help you?)
- School News
- Calming Room (*Games, music, videos, and more.*)
- Stories and Videos (All related to helping you grow.)
- Resources (District and Community with **live** links)

Here's the link: <https://sites.google.com/tps.org/wilsons-wonders/home>



Community Resources

(419) 360-4939 <https://goodgriefnwo.org>

Mission Statement:

Good Grief of Northwest Ohio, Inc. provides support for children, teens, young adults, and their families, who have experienced the death of someone significant in their lives. Good Grief of Northwest Ohio offers a safe, healing place to gather, grieve, receive and share support. By talking and listening to one another, they can work through the feelings of loss and ultimately establish a new normal. Creative activities like playing, making art, listening to music, and writing help children and teens make sense of their situation.

