

August/September, 2023

HAWKINS STEMM ACADEMY

Hawkins Herald Newsletter



Important Upcoming Dates

Aug 28—Kindergarten Phase In

Aug 30—First day for all Kindergarteners

Set 1—Spirit Friday

Sep 4—Labor Day, No School

Oct 13—2 Hr Delay, End of Quarter 1

Oct 25/26—Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct 27—No School

Nov 7—No School, Election Day

Nov 20-24—Thanksgiving Break

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Mr. Hayes, Assistant Principal

Ms. Klempler, Secretary

Mrs. Bishop, School Counselor

Mrs. Stevens, School Nurse

Ms. Taylor, Food Service Manager

Mr. Jason Kendall, Site Coordinator

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A Title I School



Hawkins Receives State STEM Designation!

In May of 2023 the state of Ohio recognized Hawkins as an officially designated STEM school. Only 4 schools in all of Ohio were accepted this year! Ohio law provides a specific pathway for schools to seek and receive designation as a STEM, and designation recognizes a school as an effective place for STEM learning.

Schools apply for designation from the Ohio STEM Committee, a committee of state and community leaders. The process includes a written document with evidence supporting STEM processes and, if the committee approves of the written document, a site visit by STEM school leaders and state representatives to view a typical school day at Hawkins. These leaders visited Hawkins in March 2023 and were very impressed with the students and staff for their commitment to STEM.

The goal for STEMM at Hawkins STEMM Academy is to promote high academic achievement through project-based learning, to ignite students to become innovative thinkers and problem solvers. We use a student-directed process to creatively solve real-world problems while integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine. With our location next to Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark, our vision is a welcoming, flexible, nurturing atmosphere emphasizing students as engaged participants in the natural world. We are in Sync with Nature. Our learning is rooted in stewardship, inclusion, curiosity, perseverance, and community.



Hawkins Updates

NPR Student Podcast Challenge Finalist!

A huge congratulations to Amelia Hankinson who was in Mr. West-Estell's class last school year. Amelia's Podcast was selected as a finalist in this year's National Public Radio (NPR's) Student Podcast Challenge. Amelia placed 13th out of 3,300 entries. Way to go!

From our Instructional Coach, Mrs. Madanski

Have you seen our prairie growing at Hawkins STEM? Last spring, with the help of naturalists from the Toledo Zoo, students prepared the ground and planted seeds to grow our own pocket prairie. This summer, some lovely native plants have started growing and a variety of insects and animals are moving in. Teachers attended professional development over the summer to learn how to utilize our prairie as a learning lab for student investigations. Please ask your child what they are learning about in the prairie!



From our community partner, Epworth UMC

Epworth-Hawkins Partnership volunteers will be busy with many activities as the school year begins. Kindergarten Family Night will take place in September (the exact date will be set after consultation with kindergarten teachers). At this event, the Epworth Hawkins Partnership gives each kindergarten family in attendance a book to read with their child. Epworth volunteers provide childcare while kindergarten teachers talk to parents/guardians about the benefits of reading with your child. The evening concludes with a pizza meal for all family members.

Our Reader Bag program for students in grades 1 and 2 will resume in September. Students can borrow a bag with two age-appropriate books every week. When the bag is returned, the student can borrow two different books. Volunteers check in and distribute books weekly.

A new program planned for October will be a Second Grade Family Literacy Night at the Reynolds Corners branch library. Library staff will share early literacy resources with families and the Epworth-Hawkins Partnership will provide pizza, beverages, and a gift card drawing.

Volunteers will also assist Mr. Loge in the library and tutoring will begin later in the fall in response to teacher referrals.

Spirit Day (1st Friday each Month) Dress Code

The first Friday of each month is designated as Spirit Day! To celebrate, students may dress in Hawkins SPIRIT wear shirts, and jeans/sweatpants. Jeans must be in good condition with no rips above the knees. Students who do not have a Hawkins SPIRIT wear shirt may wear either a red or gray shirt (should be mostly solid, with little to no graphics or other words). Please ensure your student is in proper dress so we can continue to offer Spirit Day each month.

Read the Rest of Our Newsletter!!!!

With our goal of being IN SYNC WITH NATURE, we want to help preserve the environment. There is much more newsletter content posted online, including classroom updates, staff bios, and an update from our school counselor at <https://bit.ly/HawkinsNews> or just scan the QR code!



Hawkins Updates Continued

Staff Bios!

Each month we will be featuring our staff members here at Hawkins STEMM. We are starting with those staff members who are new to Hawkins, or have changed positions within the building.



Cheryl Craig—7th/8th Grade Social Studies

- How long have you worked at Hawkins? 11 years
- What is the BEST thing about Hawkins? Teacher Relationships
- What is your favorite snack? Sugar Free Yogurt
- What is your favorite color? Blue
- Who is the person you would most like to meet? President Obama
- What is your favorite pastime/hobby? Building, Painting, Crafts
- What is your Dream Vacation? Hawaii
- What is the best gift you ever received? My Family
- What one piece of advice would you give students? Never Give Up!
- What are 3 items always found in your refrigerator? Milk, Creamer, Fruit

Christy Calfee—Physical Education

- How long have you worked at Hawkins? First year at Hawkins
- What is the BEST thing about Hawkins? The friendly students and staff
- What is your favorite snack? Twizzlers
- What is your favorite color? Orange
- Who is the person you would most like to meet? Barack Obama
- What is your favorite pastime/hobby? Playing disc-golf
- What is your Dream Vacation? Costa Rica
- What is the best gift you ever received? A guitar when I was a teenager
- What one piece of advice would you give students? Never give up. When something is hard, keep trying. Don't quit!
- What are 3 items always found in your refrigerator? Eggs, Ranch dressing, Chicken



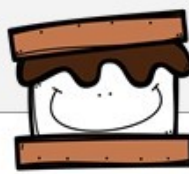
Brittany Stevens—School Nurse

- How long have you worked at Hawkins? This is my first year at Hawkins!
- What is the BEST thing about Hawkins? The students are the BEST part and the positive climate of the building.
- What is your favorite snack? I love fruits, veggies and milk chocolate
- What is your favorite color? Pink
- Who is the person you would most like to meet? Florence Nightingale
- What is your favorite pastime/hobby? I love to read, craft, cook, volunteer and spend time with my family.
- What is your Dream Vacation? Anywhere our family can be all together- my husband's family lives in Hawaii so we do not get to see them often so anytime we are all together is the best vacation!
- What is the best gift you ever received? Homemade letters and notes from my students, parents and of course my own daughter! I have a pile of Nurse Brittany notes that make any bad day better after reading a few thoughtful words.
- What one piece of advice would you give students? Be kind to one another- you never know how a smile can change someone's day!
- What are 3 items always found in your refrigerator? Cold water, Fresh Fruit, Ranch

Hawkins Updates Continued

Hello from:

Mrs. Bishop, School Counselor



*Counselor
Corner*



Hello,

My name is Emily Bishop and I am your school counselor. I see students one on one, in pairs, in small groups, and deliver classroom lessons. My focus depends on the needs of the school under the umbrellas of social emotional learning, academic support, and careers. My role is to work with the entire student population. My door is open for students to stop in and chat (with teacher permission first 😊), or for school employees and parent/guardians to refer students to me. I like to keep the lines of communication open. You can reach me by calling the school, or through email, which is below my signature. I will do my best to keep communication strong. However, I am split between two schools, so if you don't hear back from me right away, just know that I will get back to you the next day I am at Hawkins STEMM. Sometimes a student may come to my room "here or there" to talk, or might eat lunch in my room with a friend. I might not call you if it is not a big issue or just a "fun lunch". However, if the problem requires ongoing counseling/therapy, or it seems like your student needs psychological help, I will definitely contact you. I also will send permission forms home and/or call/email if your child is referred to work in a small group with me, or if a teacher/principal refers your child for multiple meetings with me. If you have certain concerns about your child's personal situation, please reach out. I look forward to a campy adventure of a year with you!



About Me:



Counselor Things

- Work with all students K-8
- Individual, small group, whole class
- Topics: anxiety, friendship, grief, diversity, divorce/separation, social skills, mindfulness, kindness, anger, organization, bullying, careers, high school plans
- Other: connecting with outside therapists, helping families seek resources, advocate for students, connect with other school specialists and TACKLE, our school-based mental health agency.
- Link families with weekend food bags from Islamic Food Bank

Personal Things

- Family: husband (also a teacher) & 3 children
- Visits lots of national parks
- Ride my bike in summer
- Love cheese on everything
- Have always worked with children
- Love crafting, movies, board games, Netflix
- Has lived in NW Ohio entire life

Mrs. Bishop, School Counselor
Monday AM, Tues/Thurs all day
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Hawkins Updates Continued

From Nurse Brittany

We My name is Brittany Stevens and I am the new school nurse. I can't wait to get to know the families of Hawkins! Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. You can reach me daily from 9:00-3:30.



The Nurse's Corner

Medications

If your student is in need of having an inhaler, epi-pen or other medication at school please reach out to me! New forms are needed every school year.

Immunization Requirements

Please send in your students updated immunizations records if entering kindergarten, 7th grade or if you are new to the TPS family. Students who have not submitted a complete record will be excluded from school starting 10/2/2023.

Kindergarten:

- DTaP/DT: 5 doses
- POLIO: 3-4 doses
- MMR: 2 doses
- HEP B: 3 doses
- VARICELLA: 2 doses

7th grade:

- TDAP
- Meningitis

If your student is in need of immunizations you can contact your private physician, the Shots-4-Tots program at 419-213-2013 or the Rams Health center at 419-442-7702. If you have any questions or issues making an appointment please reach out to me.

Go Hawks!

Important Building Procedures

- Security – We are continuing 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. 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-1 are dismissed at 3:10 p.m. and grades the rest of the building begins to dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Hawkins Updates Continued

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

Dress Code

We have adopted the following dress code for all students who attend Hawkins STEMM Academy. It is expected that all students will comply with the dress code, beginning with the first day of school. Parents and students are equally responsible for the appearance of the student.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF ALLOWABLE ITEMS
TOPS Collars at all times with the exception of spirit wear.	Any color or pattern; No graphics or text. Blouses, dress shirts, polo shirts, and button down shirts with a collar as well as turtle-necks, sweaters/cardigans (no hoods), TPS/HAWKINS spirit wear t-shirts or sweatshirts (crew neck only, no hoodies). Collars must be worn at all times with the exception of spirit wear.
BOTTOMS Must be worn at the waist.	Solid colors are encouraged but not limited to blue/navy, khaki/tan, black, brown, or gray; No graphics or text. Skirts, jumpers, dress or casual pants, slacks, corduroy pants, shorts, capris, and skorts. All items must be just above knee length or longer. No jeans, jeggings, leggings, yoga pants or sweat suits permitted.
SWEATER/JACKETS <i>No hoods/hoodies.</i>	Any color or pattern; No graphics or text. Cardigans, pullovers, jackets or vest in any color fleece or fabric. Light weights jackets only. No hoods permitted on items. Collars must be worn at all times with the exception of spirit wear.
SHOES/BOOTS/TENNIS SHOES	Any color or pattern; No graphics or text Shoes/Boots/Tennis Shoes with enclosed heels and toes. No platforms, slippers, slides, or Crocs.

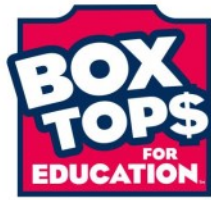
*Students who do not comply with the dress code are subject to progressive disciplinary action.

*School Administration reserves the right to make the final determination if clothes are appropriate.

Afterschool Visitor!

On Wednesday after school, while some of our students were waiting for their (late) bus, a visitor stopped by to see them. We think she was interested in riding the bus as well!





Dear Families,

During the ups and downs of the past couple of school years, one thing is certain: teachers and students need more help than ever before. Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to support our school.

The Box Tops program has been around for over 25 years, and it really can make a difference. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost **one billion dollars to schools since 1996**. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital, giving participants the ability to earn for any school across the country with just the touch of a button.

And now, Box Tops is building on its longstanding commitment to education by giving participants an easy way to help schools in need. The Box Tops app recently added functionality that allows you to search for schools that could use a little extra help, so you can help give students in low-income schools the opportunity to succeed.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your designated school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your digital or email receipt and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

Learn more about how to submit digital receipts at
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See a list of participating products at
[BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://www.btfefor.com/products)

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and give more kids the opportunity to dream. **Little by little, we can help make a big difference.**

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