

October 2023

HAWKINS STEMM ACADEMY

Hawkins Herald Newsletter



Important Upcoming Dates

- Oct 6—Spirit Friday!
- Oct 10—Kindergarten Literacy Night
- Oct 13—2 Hr Delay, End of Quarter 1
- Oct 25/26—Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct 26 & 27—No School (P/T Conf)
- Nov 7—No School, Election Day
- Nov 20-24—Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 20th—End of Quarter 2

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Mr. Hayes, Assistant Principal
Ms. Klempner, Secretary
Mrs. Bishop, School Counselor
Mrs. Stevens, School Nurse
Ms. Taylor, Food Service Manager
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Hawkins “BioBlitz”

Hawkins STEMM is participating in Toledo Zoo Project PRAIRIE 2023 Bioblitz! Project Prairie is a conservation education program that installs prairies on school campuses in northwest Ohio. Students planted seeds last November, additional plant plugs in May, and our prairie is now growing! The bioblitz is a yearly fall project to document the organisms found on each school prairie. Additionally, teachers and students use the bioblitz time to conduct inquiry investigations and engage in other citizen science projects in the prairie. The bioblitz runs from September 18-October 9. Hawkins STEMM has identified 91 different species so far in our prairie using the iNaturalist app. Families are encouraged to download the free app and take photographs of plants and animals in our prairie outside of school hours. Your photographs will be studied by students and scientists recording the diversity in our prairie.

Classroom “BioBlitz” Updates

- Mr. Bryant's 2nd graders have been observing bugs in the prairie. They have been recording different types of butterflies, spiders, grasshoppers, and bees. The children have noticed some broken open nuts



in the prairie and are also interested in the presence of squirrels in the area. The students are beginning to research where some of these animals will go for the winter.

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Hawkins FACEBOOK Page

Parents, throughout the year a great deal of information, photos and features are posted to the Hawkins STEMM FACEBOOK page. Please take a moment to like the page so you can share in all the wonderful things that take place! Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/HawkinsFB>

Hawkins Updates

More “BioBlitz” & Classroom News

- Mrs. Craig’s 8th graders assisted third graders with their BioBlitz adventure by helping them identify indigenous birds that may be in the prairie. (see photos to the right)
- Mr. Diller’s class has been going outside every day during the BioBlitz to our prairie. Students are counting how many of the “creature” of the day we see while walking around the prairie. We are looking up any new species we may encounter. We are learning how to use new science tools too. We will be working on adding two - 2 digit numbers soon.



- 4th graders in Mrs. Brady’s class had to follow clues about animal tracks, diets and habits to solve a mystery. Very engaging learning took place. (see photos to the left)
- Mr. Godfrey’s 6th grade students toured the Sauder Village and had a chance to work with the designers there. (photo on right)



- Students in Mrs. Kreamer’s class learned about the birds in their neighborhood from Mrs. McLaughlin. They were able to look at feeders that people use around their neighborhood and choose recycled materials they would like to use to make a bird feeder to hang outside at Hawkins STEMM Academy. They designed their bird feeders on paper and then built them according to their plan. They tested them with seed in the feeder and redesigned as necessary. Finally, they hung their bird feeders outside for the birds to eat out of. (photos below)



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.

Dawn Merritt—K-3 Special Education

- How long have you worked at Hawkins? I believe it has been 10 years
- What is the BEST thing about Hawkins? All the great students, and the wonderful staff member that I work with.
- What is your favorite snack? chocolate
- What is your favorite color? Green
- Who is the person you would most like to meet? Michelle Obama
- What is your favorite pastime/hobby? Crafts, spending time at the lake, or pool, and anything outdoors
- What is your Dream Vacation? Australia
- What is the best gift you ever received? Our three daughters and our dog Alexander. He was a gift to my husband and me from our daughters.
- What one piece of advice would you give students? Try your best. Don't give up on your dreams.
- What are 3 items always found in your refrigerator? Ice Tea, pickles, and cheese.

Kierra Holden—Para K-3 Special Education

- How long have you worked at Hawkins? This is my first year here at Hawkins
- What is the BEST thing about Hawkins? I love the positive energy that the staff and students have every day.
- What is your favorite snack? M&Ms
- What is your favorite color? Pink
- Who is the person you would most like to meet? Barack Obama
- What is your favorite pastime/hobby? Singing
- What is your Dream Vacation? Jamaica
- What is the best gift you ever received? My brother gave me a custom made book with my daughter and two nieces as the main characters for Mother's Day.
- What one piece of advice would you give students? Never give up on your dreams
- What are 3 items always found in your refrigerator? water, eggs, and cheese

From our community partner, Epworth UMC

The Epworth-Hawkins Partnership is excited about a new event scheduled in October. We are teaming up with the Reynolds Corners branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library for a 2nd Grade Family Night at the library on Thursday, October 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Families of Hawkins second graders are invited for pizza and refreshments, followed by breakout sessions. Parents and caregivers will learn about library resources, tour the library and participate in a gas card raffle, while library staff entertain children with games. Information about this event will be sent home with Hawkins second grade students, and RSVP's must be turned in at Hawkins by Tuesday, October 17.

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.



Trunk or treat
Bring your family and friends!
Free Event
Candy! Prizes! & More!
Wednesday, October 25th from 6pm-7:30pm
222 McTigue Drive, Toledo 43615
For more information contact bpribe@tpa.org

The poster features a purple background with white spider webs. It includes a black bat silhouette in the top right and a jack-o'-lantern in the bottom left. The text is written in various fonts and colors, including white, black, and red.

Hawkins Updates Continued

Hello from:

Mrs. Bishop, School Counselor



*Counselor
Corner*



Hello,

My name is Emily Bishop and I am your school counselor! Here are some updates for **October**:

-October is **National Bullying Prevention Month!** I will be visiting the elementary classrooms to read books and discuss how to be kind. PLEASE discuss strategies at home with your child(ren). This topic is taught and discussed by more than just myself. Teacher, principals, paraprofessionals and other support staff emphasize treating others with kindness. Hawkins STEM also has core values of **INCLUSION** and **COMMUNITY**. These help bully-proof our school. Please also discuss these with your child at home. If your student is in Mrs. Bryant's class, ask your student how the **Drama Llama** feels about Drama! ☺ Of course, please call the school you have any concerns.

-Please reach out to your homeroom teacher or myself if your family could benefit from the weekly (usually) food donation bag from the **Islamic Food Pantry**. Please reach out if your family no longer wants these bags

-Nurse Brittany and I will likely tag-team teaching the **Child Abuse Prevention Lessons** in the upcoming months. Be on the lookout for an Opt-Out slip and **ONLY** return it if you do not want your child to participate in these lessons. All Toledo Public Schools students are supposed to receive these lessons and very few students opt-out. Please give us a call if you have questions.



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
- Has 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

National Walk and Bike to School Day- Wednesday October 4

Join us in celebrating National Walk and Bike to school day, Wednesday October 4, 2023! Nurse Brittany will have a banner for participants to sign and some free goodies for those walking and biking on October 4. Don't forget to see Nurse Brittany Wednesday morning!

If you normally drive your student to school consider parking at the Toledo Botanical Gardens Bancroft entrance and walk together on the trail to school along with the Walking School Bus program.



The Nurse's Corner

LET'S WALK AND ROLL!
National Walk and Bike To School Day
Wednesday - October 4th

**Good for You
Good for the Earth**

Why Walk and Roll?

It's a fun and healthy way to start your day, while creating awareness to the community that "**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**" activities are essential in building safe and healthy neighborhoods.

Strap on your helmet, lace up your shoes, and walk or bike to school with us! Families who may live too far away can park at a safe nearby location and walk/bike to school with your student. Neighborhood churches, parks, and a friend or relatives house is a great option!

Walk and Roll Wednesdays

This month we will also start our Walk and Roll Wednesday Program. If students walk or bike to school on Wednesdays they can collect fitness charms from Nurse Brittany. Challenge your friends to see how many you can collect!

Hygiene Supplies

We received a generous donation of hygiene packs for our students to take home from our friends at Kingdom Community Christian Ministries! Have your student stop in the clinic to pick one up.

Vision and Dental Clinics at Hawkins STEMM Academy

Be on the lookout for consent forms coming home for our annual dental and vision clinics.

Dental Clinic- February 8-14, 2024

Vision Clinic- March 4-8, 2024

First class to return all their forms will win a popsicle treat from Nurse Brittany! If you do not wish to have your student participate in the clinic, make a big X on the paper with a note that they do not need to be seen and they will still be able to help their class win the popsicle treat.

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.	

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.

Lunch Menu



ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

OCTOBER 2023-24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Fat Free Chocolate, FF Strawberry, Cheesy Pull Aparts w/ Marinara Steamed Broccoli Fruit Cup	3 1% White Milk Turkey Ham and Cheese Slider Mini Carrots Orange Juice Milk	4 Meat on Pizza is Beef & Chicken Popcorn Chicken & Waffle Sticks Steamed Corn Apple Slices Milk	5 Margarine Served w/ Bread & Steamed Veggies Taco Meat w/Cheese Tortilla Chips Refried Beans Orange Juice Milk	6 Menu Subject to Change Hot Dog w/WGR Bun Tater Tots Fruit Cup Milk
9 Baked Macaroni & Cheese 2 Slices WGR Bread Steamed Peas Orange Juice Milk	10 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Banana Milk	11 Shredded Chicken Tacos 2 Flour Tortillas Fiesta Black Beans Orange Juice Milk	12 Chicken Sandwich w/Cheese Mini Carrots Fruit Cup or Applesauce Milk	13 Mini Turkey Corn Dogs Baked Beans Orange Juice Milk
16 Toasted Cheese Steamed Green Beans Fruit Cup or Applesauce Milk	17 Pancakes and Turkey Sausage Potato Smiles Orange Juice Milk	18 Cheeseburger Sliders Mini Carrots Sliced Apples Milk	19 Shredded Beef w/ Gravy Over Mashed Potatoes Steamed Mixed Vegetables Orange Juice Milk	20 Pepperoni & Cheese Calzone Tossed Salad Fruit Cup Milk
23 Veggie Burger Seasoned Fries Orange Juice Milk	24 Baked Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce 2 Slices WGR Bread Steamed Broccoli Fruit Cup or Applesauce Milk	25 Meatball Sub w/Marinara on a WGR Bun Steamed Diced Carrots Orange Juice Milk	26 CONFERENCE DAY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	27 CONFERENCE DAY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
30 Bean and Cheese Burrito Steamed Corn Orange Juice Milk	31 Chicken Nuggets Potato Rounds Slushie Cup Milk			

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Breakfast Menu

2023-24

BREAKFAST MENU



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Fat Free Chocolate, FF Strawberry, Cereal 2 oz., Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	1% White Milk Cinna Mini Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	Turkey Meat is used in noted products * B Turkey Sausage Pancake Bites * Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	Margarine Served w/Bread & Steamed Veggies C Donut Holes Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	Menu Subject to Change D Maple Waffle Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk
9	10	11	12	13
E Emoji Grahams Yogurt Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	A Breakfast Scramble* w/Tortilla Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	B Cereal Bar 2 oz. Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	C Stuffed Hashbrown Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	D Breakfast Unavailable* Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk
16	17	18	19	20
E Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	A Blueberry Waffle Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	B Breakfast Bar Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	C French Toast Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	D WGR Donut String Cheese Stick Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk
23	24	25	26	27
E Cereal 2 oz., Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	A Muffin Yogurt Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	B Donut Holes Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	C CONFERENCE DAY /NO School FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	D CONFERENCE DAY /NO School FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
30	31			
E Cinna Minis Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	A Breakfast Pizza Bagel* Fruit/Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk			

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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
[BTFE.COM/EMAILGROCERYRECEIPTS](https://www.btfefor.com/emailgroceryreceipts)

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.**

DON'T HAVE THE APP YET?
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