



Greetings from the Grove



Summer 2017 Edition

Dear HGE Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer with family and friends while reading, resting, staying active, and having fun! On behalf of the Hazel Grove Elementary. I would like to welcome you to the 2017 - 2018 school year. To our returning families, thank you for making the 2017 - 2018 school year such a success! For the newest HGE Hawks, we are pleased to welcome you to our family. New family enrollment is on Tuesday, July 25th. Our school community truly feels like a family and you are going to love it here!

When students and families return in August, you will notice the bridge over Colbern Rd has been closed. It is due to reopen the end of August. Also, don't forget our Bell Times have been altered by 5 minutes with doors opening at 8:45 and students dismissing at 3:55. This year, students and families will also be greeted by some new paintings in our HGE hallways. They share the simple messages of:

STAY KIND - Research has proven that kind people are happier, healthier, and live longer. Kindness is contagious and it doesn't cost a cent! Kind people make a positive impact in their own lives and on the lives of others.

DO GOOD - We tend to get what we give. When we do good, we feel better about ourselves. Doing good can help us raise our self-esteem.

HAVE FUN - If learning is fun, it is more effective. Having fun decreases stress and increases serotonin. It improves our memory and concentration. People who have fun are able to better connect with others.

BE HAPPY - Happiness combats aches and pains, stress, anxiety, and illness. Folks who are happy tend to be more successful and live longer. Happy people tend to have more friends!

Please take time to complete your online enrollment beginning on July 6th. If you need assistance with this process you can visit:

<https://www.lsr7.org/parents/enroll/>

<http://www.lsr7.org/sites/register/>

RETURNING FAMILIES needing internet - please use one of the following options:

A friend, relative, or neighbor with internet access

Your place of work, or an establishment with free Wi-Fi

One of our Mid-Continent public library branches (on Colbern or Oldham Parkway)

Please note: HGE will have **only one day** of enrollment assistance available on Tuesday, July 25th, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

I wish you all well and hope you enjoy your last days of summer together as a family. Stay kind and keep doing good, having fun, and being happy!!

Proud to be a Hazel Grove Hawk!

Sincerely,

Kristen Merrell



August Calendar of Events



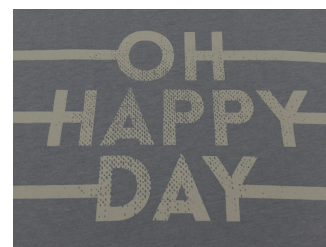
- 14 - Mon 4:00 - 6:00 pm Meet the Teacher
- 14 - Mon 4:00 - 6:00 pm PTA membership and volunteers
- 16 - Wed All Day First Day of School
- 25 - Fri 6:30 pm Dinner and Movie (PTA kick-off on playground) Spirit Wear sales

September

- 4 - Mon All Day No School - Labor Day
- 7 - Thurs AM Fall School Picture Day
- 12 - Tues 6:30 pm General Volunteer and Watch Dogs Training
- 22 - Fri 7:30 - 8:40am Pancakes for Pops
- 28 - Thurs 6:30 pm PTA party planning for Halloween

August 16 – First Day of School – NO LATE

START WEDNESDAY!



Watch Dogs and Volunteer Kick-Off

We are so blessed at HGE to have many volunteers helping our students. If you plan to help in a classroom, attend class parties, go on field trips, help in the library, or volunteer as one of our Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) - then this training is for YOU! Our Volunteer/Watch DOGS Kick-off is Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm. This is a parent only event - we will go over volunteer procedures, complete paperwork, get copies of your driver's license, and have some good snacks, too! See you then!



Arrival

* Hazel Grove doors will be locked until 8:45. Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:45 as there will not be student supervision available.

* Tardy bell rings at 9:00 a.m.

Students arriving after this time will need to be signed in by their parent.

* Thank you for getting your child to school and on-time. Every minute counts!



Dismissal

* Although HGE encourages students to be bus riders each day, we understand some families may need to do parent pick up as their schedule dictates.

* **Car rider procedures**

Parents are asked to wait until 3:55 before lining up for pick-up in order to not crowd the HGE parking lot. Please refrain from coming in the building to pick up students this interrupts HGE's important end-of-day procedures that ensure students get home safely. Cars are asked to approach the parking lot from the south (Rhinehart via Blue Parkway). This will allow the southbound lane of Rhinehart Road to remain clear for through traffic. Parents show "family number" and then pull all of the way forward in the pick up line. Students will begin exiting the building a little after the 3:55 dismissal bell.

*Thank you to our families who made this procedure successful this past school year!



Summer Reading

We hope your child has been reading regularly throughout the summer. All Bag of Books checked out can be

Class Assignment

Families who have completed their online registration will receive an electronic notification and be able to view their child's

returned at Meet the Teacher on August 14. Thank you! class assignment through Powerschool.

New Staff and New Staff Assignments

Please stop by and introduce yourself to our new Hawks:

5th grade: Dr. Schuler

Aim/Aspire: Mrs. Wendy Davies

School Psychologist: Ms. Cathy Kerr

Special education para: Mr. Johnie Eager

Special education teachers:

Miss Mikayla Seitz and Mrs. Julia Dunn

New Assignments: Mrs. Kristine Hodson is moving from reading/special education to 6th grade, Mrs. Cea is moving from 6th grade to 4th, and Mrs. LaMastres is moving from 4th grade to 2nd

Best Wishes: Mrs. Chambers has moved to teach in the NKC district in order to be closer to her home and children's activities in Liberty, MO. We will miss her and wish her well!



CHROMEBOOKS - Chromebooks will be handed out on the first day of school to students grades 1 - 6 who have paid the Chromebook fee. Kindergarten students will begin bringing theirs home on Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

DID YOU KNOW??? 100% of our staff join PTA each year!! HGE PTA is amazing and provides numerous activities, services, and supplies for the children of our school. Please consider joining this awesome organization!



PTA Annual Fund - Established in 2014, the PTA Annual Fund at Hazel Grove has helped to ensure that BUSY FAMILIES CAN DO LESS ! Your contribution to the Annual Fund will eliminate bake sales and endless fundraising for your children (and you!). Please consider donating at our Meet the Teacher Night in order to help us eliminate extra fundraising! 100% of your contribution goes directly towards Hazel Grove PTA programming. See HGE website for details. Thank you!!

Monthly Communication

In order to keep you all informed yet remain cognizant of the influx of communication you all receive, HGE will continue to share one all-school newsletter per month. Once school begins, "*Greetings from the Grove*" will be sent out the first Thursday of each month.

You will also receive important reminders throughout the year via School Messenger calls/emails and our Remind text - should you choose to join our HGE Parents group via "remind".

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hgehawks/>

We will also be using the **REMIND** app throughout the rest of the month to send you updates or reminders for upcoming events. (see next page)

Mrs. Merrell would like you to join HGE Parents!



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