

I Believe In You

February, 2018



HAWTHORN HILL ELEMENTARY

# Hornet Happenings!

## Message from the Principal!

Dear Hawthorn Hill Parents,

I can't believe how fast this year is going! I think that pesky Groundhog was correct. It looks like we will be having six more weeks of winter. The last two week has been either winter or spring-like. I am keeping my fingers crossed that it will warm up and boys and girls can continue to go outside! The weatherman shared that the Groundhog has only been correct 38% of the time! We shall see!

Thank to our PTA and all our Room Parents for their work on the Valentine Parties. We had wonderful parent support and our students had a great day! I think we have concluded, parties in the gym are working and we will continue for the following school year.

Thank you for your help with our No Tardy Initiative. Our data is indicating that we are improving with student arrival time. Last week we had one day where every student arrived to school prior to the tardy bell ringing. Thank you. Thank you! We will continue to monitor student arrival time and we appreciate your support!



If we can be of service or support as your child moves through the 2017-18 school year, please feel free to call on us.

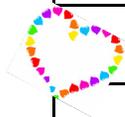
Please remember that your child's learning and safety are our top priorities!

*Mrs. Germano*

*Proud Principal of the Hornets*

### February & March

Major Saver Fundraiser	February 1 –16 Thank you for supporting this district fund-raiser!
Valentine Party	February 15 8:30—3:00
Early Release Day	February 16 12:50
No School President's Day	February 19 Enjoy!
Spirit Assembly	February 23 9:15 a.m.
No School Professional Development	March 2
PTA Performance 3rd Grade	March 5 6:30
PTA Movie Night No Cost	March 9 6:30
No School Spring Break	March 19—23
Spirit Assembly NOTE it is a Thursday	March 29 9;15
No School Enjoy your long weekend!	March 30





## Four File For Two Seats on LS R-7 Board of Education

Four candidates have filed for two positions on the Lee's Summit R-7 School District Board of Education. Filing closed for R-7 Board of Education candidates on Jan. 16.

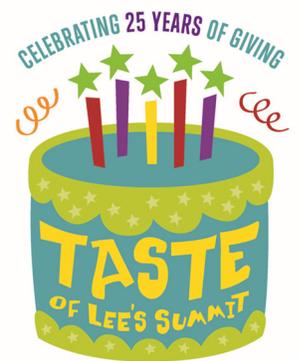
Candidates (listed in filing order) are John R. Schuler, Julie A. Doane, Ryan N. Murdock and Michael W. McMenus. Mrs. Doane is currently serving as the Board of Education's vice president. Incumbent Board member Adam Rutherford did not file for re-election.

The annual municipal and school election will be held on April 3. For more information about the R-7 Board of Education, visit <http://www.lsr7.org/school-board/board-members/>. Board of Education members are elected to three-year terms during at-large elections.

## Lee's Summit Educational Foundation A Taste of Lee's Summit March 3, 2018

*Popular event includes hundreds of auction items and more than a dozen local restaurants*

The Lee's Summit Educational Foundation will host the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Lee's Summit on March 3 to raise money in support of excellence in education in our community. This year's theme is "Celebrating 25 Years of Giving," a salute to the Foundation's birthday. This event will begin at 6 p.m. and is located at The Pavilion at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit (*adults 21 and over only*). Advance tickets are required.



Taste of Lee's Summit draws strong support from area businesses and corporations, and a sellout crowd of more than 600 is anticipated again this year. The fundraising goal for this year's event is \$100,000. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Educational Foundation in cooperation with R-7 Music Parents and Great Beginnings Early Education Center. The event will include both live and silent auctions, special entertainment, game board excitement and cuisine from local restaurants.

Donations for live and silent auction items are due by Feb. 7. In addition, sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information about donating or purchasing tickets, go to [www.lsedfoundation.com](http://www.lsedfoundation.com) or contact the Educational Foundation office at (816) 986-1088. Tickets are \$75 per person, and attire is business casual.

The Lee's Summit Educational Foundation is a non-profit, 501c3 organization established in 1993 to raise and manage funds in support of educational opportunities for students at all levels in the Lee's Summit R-7 School District. For more information about the Foundation, please visit [www.lsedfoundation.com](http://www.lsedfoundation.com).

**Lee's Summit CARES**  
**to present**  
**Parent University session on Feb. 20**  
***Focusing on 'Technology: Your Children, Their Safety'***



Lee's Summit CARES will present a Parent University session focusing on "Technology: Your Children, Their Safety" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Westview Elementary School, 200 N. Ward Road. The event will be held in the school's library media center.

Cost for the class is \$10 per person, and individuals may register online at [www.LSCares.org](http://www.LSCares.org). For more information, contact Rachel Segobia at (816) 347-3298. Parent University is made possible through a collaborative relationship between Lee's Summit CARES, the Lee's Summit R-7 School District and ReDiscover.

Dr. Gary Boxer, a board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist at Truman Medical Center Lakewood Counseling, will share information about the risks and challenges children face in the plugged-in, technologically evolving world. He will discuss strategies and tools to help parents learn how to keep children progressing along a safe and healthy development path.

**Check This Out!**  
**'Equity Minute' Video Series**



The Lee's Summit R-7 School District launched a video series this year known as "Equity Minute." The 60-second videos are available on the district's YouTube channel and via this webpage: <http://www.lsr7.org/district/equity-minute/>.

The videos highlight staff members for outstanding work in the area of equity and ensuring that every student is successful.

**HHE Partners in Education**

We would like to thank our Partners in Education for all they do for our Hawthorn Hill staff and students. We appreciate your continued support in helping our students be successful in the classroom.

**Bank of the West**  
**Mid Continent Library**  
**South Side Christian Church**  
**Ears of Experience**



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## Lee's Summit R-7 Inclement Weather Closings Communication

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District offers a variety of ways to learn about school closings due to inclement weather. After the decision to close school is made, the district will communicate in the following ways:

A recorded telephone call will go to all students' families as well as staff members via a service known as SchoolMessenger. Families are encouraged to make sure their phone numbers are accurate and to notify their children's school if there are changes in these numbers.

Snow days are shared via R-7 social media, including on [R-7 Facebook](#), found by searching for "Lee's Summit R-7 School District," and on Twitter, found via [@LSR7](#).

Information is shared in the district's electronic newsletter. To subscribe, visit <http://www.lsr7.org/signup>.

The information is posted on the district's website at [www.lsr7.org](http://www.lsr7.org).

School closings are included on the district's information telephone line at (816) 986-1001.

Local media are provided information about school closings. Listen or watch for "Lee's Summit R-7 School District."

Through the district's SchoolMessenger recorded phone service, Lee's Summit R-7 has the capability to send a recorded telephone message to all families within minutes. This service is used for school closings as well as other communication. If severe weather necessitates that students be sent home early during the school day, these emergency calls would go to up to six phone numbers per student, including home, cell phones and parents' work numbers. If a snow day is called the evening before or during the early morning, this emergency call will go only to students' home phone numbers as well as to all R-7 employees' home numbers. In the case of families with multiple children in the R-7 School District, SchoolMessenger will call the family just one time.

Families have the opportunity to opt out of the SchoolMessenger calls. Please note that if you do opt out of the calls, you will not receive any calls from the district or your child's school via this service, including school information, snow-day and other emergency notifications.

**Ways to learn about snow days**

- SchoolMessenger recorded phone calls
  - R-7 Facebook and Twitter
- 'R-7 News Update' e-newsletter
- R-7 website at [www.lsr7.org](http://www.lsr7.org)
- R-7 info line at 986-1001
- Local news media

## Do you follow Dr. Carpenter on Twitter?

Dr. Dennis L. Carpenter, Lee's Summit R-7 superintendent, is on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/EquitySupt1>.

## LS R-7 Board of Education Videotapes Regular Monthly Meetings

*Videotaped meetings available on district's YouTube and City of LS access channels*

Lee's Summit R-7 Board of Education regular monthly meetings are broadcast online and via the City of Lee's Summit's governmental access channel. The meetings are available on the district's [YouTube Channel](#) and on the district's [BoardDocs webpage](#).

The Board of Education meetings have been broadcast online since December 2016. Beginning in summer 2017, they are also available on the City of Lee's Summit governmental access channels -- AT&T U-verse 99, Spectrum (previously Time Warner) 2, Comcast 7 and Google TV 143. The Board meetings are being broadcast on the LSTV, Lee's Summit governmental access channel, on the following schedule: noon Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Saturdays and 9 p.m. Sundays.

For a schedule of Board of Education meetings, visit our Board [webpage](#).

## School Supporters Invited to Subscribe to Electronic Newsletter Focusing on Legislative Advocacy

The 'R-7 Advocacy' electronic newsletter provides interested individuals with relevant and timely information about legislative activities. Through this electronic communication, we will also occasionally ask subscribers to consider contacting their elected officials about specific proposed legislation that would impact Lee's Summit R-7 students.

If you would like to subscribe to this newsletter, please visit <http://tiny.cc/h7gyny> or e-mail Janice Phelan at [janice.phelan@lsr7.net](mailto:janice.phelan@lsr7.net) and ask to be added to the list. The R-7 Legislative Platform is available at <http://tiny.cc/r9gyny>. This website also includes a list of area elected officials and a Toolkit for Advocacy, developed with the assistance of the Missouri School Boards Association.

## Will You Tell Us Your Story About Student Success Through R-7 Story Project?

Do you have a story about your child that you'd like to share focusing on his or her success in school? As part of "The Story Project," Lee's Summit R-7 is featuring personal stories about our students and their accomplishments in school. We are looking for stories about a specific incident or an individual school staff member making a positive difference for your child.

The stories may be about children from birth through high school and may be submitted by parents and guardians of both past and present students. Stories should be 200 words or less and should go to [janice.phelan@lsr7.net](mailto:janice.phelan@lsr7.net). You may also contact Janice Phelan to provide general information, and she will draft your story for your review.

For more information about The Story Project, visit the [website](#).

## Sign-Up to Receive 'R-7 News Update,' Your Weekly Source for District News!

"R-7 News Update" is published weekly by the school district and is a great source of information for parents and community members alike. Visit our website at <http://tiny.cc/pahyny> to sign up for the electronic newsletter and stay informed.

## Families Encouraged to Visit Website Featuring Student-Related Flyers

Lee's Summit R-7 families are encouraged to frequently visit the district's informational flyers web page to learn about a wide variety of family and children's activities and events. The website includes student-related informational flyers from the R-7 School District as well as Missouri not-for-profit organizations and is located at <http://ow.ly/UR3k>.

## R-7 on Facebook

Search for "[Lee's Summit R-7 School District](#)" on your Facebook page.

## Follow R-7 on Twitter

Search for "[LSR7](#)" in your Twitter account.

## Check out Lee's Summit R-7 on Instagram

Lee's Summit R-7 is on Instagram, available by searching for "[LeesSummitR7](#)." Instagram is a free online mobile photo-sharing, video-sharing and social networking service.