



Greetings from the Grove



Hazel Grove Elementary News - May 2017

Dear Hawk Families,

A successful school year is coming to an end! This year I have had the opportunity to spend time learning and reflecting on just how fortunate we are at Hazel Grove Elementary. Our successes are due to the wonderful collaborative partnership between the entire school family: students, staff, and parents. I am so proud to be able to serve the fine students here and the entire HGE community. I have said before that I get to wake up each morning and come to the best job in the world and, on a daily basis, this is reinforced to me. Thank you for all you do to make coming to work such a pleasure for all of us who are privileged to call HGE our home!

In the next couple of weeks, we will enjoy many celebrations. On May 11th, we will enjoy our final Student Council SPIRIT DAY of the year! Come dressed to celebrate in rainbow colors. See StuCo news below for each grade's assigned color. Our 6th graders prepare to graduate from our halls and join BCMS in the fall. We are thankful for their leadership and friendship. At the very end of the year, all students will be enjoying Field Day. It will be a great deal of fun and teamwork!

So now our 16 - 17 year comes to an end. As ever, it is the nature of schools that many times we find ourselves saying goodbye to staff. We will greatly miss our Aim/Aspire teacher - Cheryl McLaughlin, special education teacher - Jane Scanlon, and band teacher - Mike Gerhardt. They have all three left an imprint on the students they have taught over the course of their careers and we wish them all well in their retirement.

We hope you all enjoy a summer filled with time for family and fun! Don't forget to be watching your emails for summer enrollment information.

Proud to be a Hazel Grove Hawk!

Sincerely,
Kristen Merrell

Principal #HGEhawks

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HGE School Benefit SUCCESS!

The Luau on April, 8 was an amazing success!!! Our school is so grateful to all the parents and community members who supported this event! PTA paid for almost \$12,000 in grants that were received from teachers, and will have funds to save for larger projects down the road. Savings will be reflected in the 2017-2018 budget. Please consider coming on board to help the committee next spring!

Thank you to the Committee Members:

Co-Chairs:

Kerry Burns, D'Ann Zinn, Melanie Adkins

Committee Members:

Retiring - Mary Chappelow, Sharon Cleaver, Sarah Lovett, Robyn Schoonover

Members staying on: Brooke Grechus, Stephanie Hopfinger, Carrie Jones, and Auctioneer Miles McMahon, from Drama KC

Watch DOGS

Thank you to our Watch DOGS for April and May: Jay Anthony, Rick Bass, Jeff Brooks, Brandon Coleman, Josh Gantt, Darin Grechus, Jonathan Hardy, Sean Linnhoff, Shawn Miller, Drew Schauner, and John Zimmermann.

Super Students!

Congratulations to our Optimist Club Super Citizens for April - A student who has consistently been a positive role model for all students.

Mark your Calendar

May	
May 5	PTA Dinner and Movie Night 6:00
May 5	Field Trip - Gr K to Deanna Rose
May 5	Field Trip - Gr 4 Pioneer Day
May 8	Field Trip - Gr 5 to BSSE
May 8	Field Trip - Gr 6 to James A Reed
May 10	National School Nurses' Day
May 15	Chromebook Check-in
May 16	Field Trip - Gr 4 to KC Symphony
May 17	Field Trip - Gr 5 to Burr Oaks
May 18	Field Trip - Gr 1 to KC Zoo
May 18	6th Grade Recognition and DARE Graduation 7:00
May 19	Field Day Gr K-2 AM; Gr 3-6 PM
May 22nd	Last Day - Early Release at 1:25
Aug 16	First Day of School 2017-18

Kindergarten - Elijah Hamilton
 Grade 1 - Sienna Jeffries
 Grade 2 - Teyona Love
 Grade 3 - Ava Park
 Grade 4 - Katelyn Lee
 Grade 5 - Julia Burton
 Grade 6 - Domineque Love

Visitors

In following district protocol, we will not have visitors the last two weeks of school. Friday, May 5th, is the final day for visits. Thank you for understanding and supporting.

Pam Brady named KC metro-area Counselor of the Year

Our very own Pam Brady was recently named the Greater Kansas City School Counselor Association's Elementary Counselor of the Year. A counselor at Hazel Grove Elementary, Pam is being honored at an April awards banquet.

In nomination forms, Pam was praised for her kindness, for her dedication to enriching the lives of others and for serving as an advocate for students. At Hazel Grove, she has coordinated Christmas at the Grove, a celebration that assists needy families in the school; manages the school's BackSnack program through Harvesters Community Food Network; and coordinates staff volunteers at Coldwater's No Hungry Kids summer barbeques. She also conducts Chat and Chew sessions for students needing assistance in building peer relationships.

"Pam steps in and assists in meeting the needs of all of our students whenever she is needed," said a colleague. "Encouraging students to be the best version of themselves is something that Pam dedicates time to each and every day."



PTA Movie Night - May 5th

Take a moment to say THANK YOU to Jane Scanlon, Cheryl McLaughlin, Mike Gerhardt, retiring after decades of service at Hazel Grove. Stay for dinner, cake, and our End of the Year Outdoor Movie. "ZOOTOPIA" begins at dusk!

6:00pm

- BACKYARD BURGERS available to purchase on site!
- Kids can/should play on the playground, but keep an eye on them; there are no supervisors on duty!

7:00pm

- PRESENTATION AND RETIREMENT CAKE SERVED

8:00pm

- ZOOTOPIA begins!

Dress cozy, bring chairs and blankets. Plan for a night watching a movie under the stars. In case of rain, we'll move into the Gym. This will be decided by 6pm.



Chromebooks Due

- All students -- with the exception of students taking LSR7 summer school classes -- will turn in their Chromebooks at the end of the school year, based on a schedule determined by each school.
- Students enrolled in summer school, including R-7 online courses, will take their Chromebooks home over the summer, turning them in when summer school ends.
- Hazel Grove's collection date will be May 15th.



Artist of the Month

Isaiah Kindell
Mrs. Oswald - Grade 3

Taylor Meyer
Mrs. Dunning - Grade 6

Keep Reading

A variety of great reading APPs for students to use over the summer!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B7U78EgGUF2ZAMpdSOxjt2VeRDFrCu74Qde3GJ7Bd7Y/edit?usp=sharing>

DISMISSAL NOTE

It is best for students if they have ONE main method of transportation on a consistent basis. However, if you are needing to make a change, please do so by sending a note OR email to school by 1:00. Please also refrain from picking students up early from school unless it is for an appointment or emergency. Our office is very busy preparing for a safe and successful dismissal each afternoon. Students being picked up 5 - 10 minutes early disrupt this process. Thank you for your partnership and support

Student Council News

- May 5th - Packets for those running for StuCo office position are due to either Ms. Milliron or Mrs. Brady
- May 11 - StuCo elections
- May 11th - StuCo spirit day - Rainbow Colors
 - Kdg - red
 - 1st - orange
 - 2nd - yellow
 - 3rd - green
 - 4th - blue
 - 5th - purple
 - 6th - black



COMING SOON!



Online student registration for 2017-18 school year begins July 6

**Through online software, process is streamlined
for all families**

**Existing families may use their username and password from the
previous school year**

New families are asked to contact the school office to enroll

Advantages include:

- **Saves time for families and school employees**
 - **Improves accuracy**
 - **Streamlines enrollment**
 - **Includes online payment options**
- **Allows families to upload proof of residency, immunizations
and birth certificates**

More information about residency and other requirements for enrollment are available on the Lee's Summit R-7 website at <http://www.lsr7.org/parents/enroll/>.



HGE PTA

PTA flyers will be copied on BRIGHT YELLOW paper this year. So be on the watch for your PTA news.

PTA event - May 5th - Come celebrate the end of the year with our PTA Movie Night.

News and Notes from the District

LS R-7 School District online registration to open July 6

Lee's Summit R-7 families may begin online registration for the 2017-18 school year on July 6. The school district transitioned to online registration in summer 2016. The online procedures replaced paper enrollment in 2016 and are designed to make it easier for families to register and prepare for the school year.

Families may use their 2016-17 usernames and passwords. Families new to the school district are asked to contact their child's school for enrollment and registration.

In addition to the time-saving advantages, online registration improves the accuracy of data since parents will enter their children's information directly into the program. The previous enrollment and registration process required parents to submit paper copies with school staff members entering data from these forms into the database. For convenience sake, families also have the opportunity to pay any school fees online.

Birth certificates (for new students only), proof of residency and immunization records are uploaded by families using the online program. More information about residency and other requirements for enrollment are available on the Lee's Summit R-7 website at <http://www.lsr7.org/parents/enroll/>.



Three elected to LS R-7 Board of Education

Kim Fritchie, Jacqueline (Jackie McEntire) Clark and Dennis D. Smith were elected to the Lee's Summit R-7 Board of Education on April 4. Based on official election results, the three winners received the following number of votes: 5,319 for Mrs. Fritchie, 4,335 for Mrs. Clark, and 2,990 for Mr. Smith.

A total of 11 candidates were on the April 4 ballot, including (listed in filing order) Jacqueline (Jackie McEntire) Clark, Dennis D. Smith, Susan D. Coffman (2,660 votes), Kim Fritchie, Carl J. Quijas (637 votes), Mark Dzedzic (676 votes), Ryan N. Murdock (2,377 votes), Diego Gutierrez (2,907 votes), Michael W. McMenus (706 votes), Jill Worstell (1,673 votes) and Mark S. Augustin (797 votes).

The three new Board members will be sworn in during the April 13 Board of Education meeting. Incumbent Board members Bill Baird, Terri Harmon and Chris Storms did not file as candidates.

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.

Brad Rackers named R-7 Teacher of the Year

Excellence In Teaching winners honored at April 12 event

Brad Rackers, theatre director at Lee's Summit West High School, was named Lee's Summit R-7 School District 2017 Teacher of the Year during a surprise announcement at an April 12 community reception. The reception also recognized 12 R-7 teachers who had been named Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce Excellence In Teaching Award winners earlier this spring.

Excellence In Teaching winners include Anne Braun, Woodland Elementary School; Tracy Colón, Summit Technology Academy; Susan Dunham, Hazel Grove Elementary School; Matt Good, Lee's Summit West High School; Teresa Graves, Summit Pointe Elementary School; Mindy Haesemeyer, Lee's Summit North High School; Kim Hartman, Woodland Elementary School; Pamela Hayes, Longview Farm Elementary School; Jonathan Krinke, Lee's Summit North High School; Brad Rackers, Lee's Summit West High School; Kimberly Rues, Summit Pointe Elementary School; and Krista Tucker, Highland Park Elementary School.

In addition to the Excellence In Teaching winners, other finalists for Teacher of the Year included former Excellence In Teaching winners who were nominated for the award again this year and selected as Teachers of Distinction. These former winners had the opportunity to interview along with this year's award recipients for Teacher of the Year and were also recognized April 12. They are Erica Arbuckle, Hawthorn Hill Elementary School; Jen Posson, Summit Pointe Elementary School; and Stu Reece, Bernard Campbell Middle School.



New administrators named by Board of Education

Three new administrators were named at the Lee's Summit R-7 School District Board of Education meeting on April 13. They include Dr. Jennifer Corum, who will serve as the district's assistant superintendent of elementary instruction; Dr. Chad Hertzog, new principal for Lee's Summit West High School; and David Mitchell, who will serve as principal at Summit Lakes Middle School. All three will begin their new jobs on July 1.

Dr. Corum will replace Dr. Katie Collier, who was recently named Lee's Summit R-7 associate superintendent of instruction and leadership. Dr. Hertzog is replacing Dr. David Sharp, who is leaving Lee's Summit West to become the district's assistant superintendent of secondary instruction. Mr. Mitchell will replace Dr. David Carlson, who is leaving Summit Lakes Middle School to become the district's executive director of classified personnel.

Dr. Corum is currently executive director of elementary education for the Liberty School District. She previously served as director of curriculum for the Park Hill School District, as an elementary principal and as a sixth- and fifth-grade teacher. In addition, she has served as an adjunct master's education professor for Northwest Missouri State University, the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Park University. Dr. Corum will join Lee's Summit R-7 as Dr. Kephart after her June wedding.

Dr. Hertzog currently serves as assistant principal/activities director at Lee's Summit High School. He previously worked as an assistant principal and mathematics teacher at LSHS. In 2012, he was named the Assistant Principal of the Year by the Greater Kansas City Missouri Principal's Association.

Mr. Mitchell is currently principal at Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School. He previously worked as middle school principal and assistant principal in the Independence School District as well as principal of the Independence middle level summer program. Prior to beginning his administrative career, Mr. Mitchell served as a teacher at the elementary and middle school levels in Independence and Columbia. In 2005, he was named the Greater Kansas City Missouri Principal's Association Principal of the Year.

