Dear HWE Families,

A close connection between families and school is so important to student success. Thank you to all of our first through fifth grade families that joined us this past week for Curriculum Night! Our Kindergarten Curriculum Night will be held on October 10 at 6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to working with you this year to benefit your children.

Next week we will have the first of our series of half days for the school year. Students will be dismissed on Tuesday, 9/17, at 12:25 p.m. so that staff can participate in professional learning and exploration of student data to help direct our instruction for every child, every day. Please note that Prime Time Care is available, but students must be registered before Tuesday to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Patricia

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Volunteers Needed:

- We are in always in need of volunteers to help in the Media Center. If you could be available to help with shelving books, repairing books, support weeding the collection, and such, please email Ms. Gantz at debragantz@wlcsd.org.

- We are in need of volunteers to support our Kindergarten (12:50-1:10) and First Grade (12:10-12:30) students during their lunch period for these first few weeks. If you are able to help, please email your child’s classroom teacher to set up the days you can help out.
  - Kindergarten
    - Olivia Denton
    - Kelleigh Dugan
    - Laura Kwapis
    - Megan Zydeck
  - First Grade
    - Kasee Haven
    - Karrie Highstreet
    - Debbie Isaacs
    - Barb Oatley
    - Caitlin Vig
Parking Lots/Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up

- Please remember that we have a morning drop off around the back of the building each day, starting at 8:50 a.m.
- If you would like to drop off your child and walk them up to the building, please be sure to use a parking space.
- If your child is eligible to ride the bus, please consider them doing so each day. This will help with traffic in the parking lot.
- Please try not to park in the Handicap spaces during pick-up as we have families that need these spaces.

Important Dates:

- **September:**
  - 17 – ½ day for all students *(12:25 dismissal)*
  - 20 – **Hawk Pride** (wear your HWE spirit wear or blue and silver), PTA Bagel and popcorn day orders are DUE TODAY.
  - 25 – Bonaventure Skating Night 6:00-8:30 p.m.
  - 26 – Nest 1
  - 27 – Picture Day!
  - 30 – No school for all students

- **October:**
  - 1 – Taste of the Lakes 5:00 p.m. at Edgewood Country Club
  - 2 – Count Day, Pajama Day ($1 to wear your pajamas all day), PTA meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 4 – All Pro Dads @ 8:00 a.m., PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid orders only)
  - 9 – No School for all students
  - 10 – Nest 2, Kindergarten Curriculum Night @ 6:30 p.m.
  - 11 – PTA Color Run 4 Funds!
  - 16 – Family Book Study @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 18 – Breakfast with a Buddy @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 18-25 – Book Fair
  - 24 – Nest 3, Fall Festival @ 6:30 p.m.
  - 25 – Hawk Pride, PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid orders only)
  - 31 – ½ day for all students

Please click here: [2019-20 calendar](#) to view this year’s district calendar.

**You might be wondering... Why are there so many half days?**

Throughout the school year, there are eight half days that will be used for staff professional development. We recognize that half days can be inconvenient for families. That said, research has shown that when teachers receive ongoing, job-embedded professional development, they can increase student achievement by as
much as 21 percentile points (Source). As a school and district, we are committed to continuous improvement and these eight half days are an essential part of that commitment. Although they may seem inconvenient, staff development opportunities are crucial to ensure we provide an exemplary education for our children.