

# Mid Month Update

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## Mid February 2025

### Upcoming Dates: [Hawthorn Calendar](#)

- February-Registration Month
- February 17-Heritage Day-No School
- February 20-HSA Games Night 6:30-7:30pm
- February 24-Keonte Beals Visit
- March 5 -HSA meeting 7pm
- March 7- End of Term 2/Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School for Students)
- March 10-14 - March Break ( No School)

### Keonte Beals is visiting Hawthorn

Keonte Beals, an author, illustrator, and musical artist from North Preston, is bringing his talents to Hawthorn! Known for books like *I Am So Worthy*, *I Am Perfectly Me*, and *I Am King*, Keonte inspires with his message of self-love, resilience, and empowerment. Through his personal experiences and message of worthiness, he encourages students to embrace their inherent value and pursue their dreams unapologetically.



### Arriving at school on time

Punctuality is an essential habit that helps students start their day with focus and readiness. Arriving on time ensures that students don't miss out on important instructions, activities, or the chance to fully engage with their classmates. It also sets a positive example of responsibility and respect for others. Together, we can help our students develop skills that will benefit them both in school and beyond. Thank you for your continued support in getting your students to school on time. The entrance bell for Primary-Gr. 6 is 8:50am and instruction begins at 9:00am. If there is anything the school can do to support, please reach out.


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## Family Survey

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts in our Family Survey! Your feedback is invaluable in helping us enhance communication and ensure our school community feels informed, included, and supported.

Here are some key takeaways from your responses:

✓ **Appreciation for Communication** – Families value the monthly newsletters from both the school office and teachers.

 **Requests for a Calendar** – Many families would find it helpful to have an easy-to-access calendar with upcoming events and important dates, as well as more advance notice when possible.

 **Inclusivity & Welcoming Environment** – Families feel that our school does a great job promoting inclusivity and fostering a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

 **Suggestions for Improvement:**

- More sensory-friendly spaces during family events.
- A family welcome package to help new families get acquainted.
- Clearer communication about the availability of the lift for accessibility.

### Next Steps:

- ✓ We have now linked a school calendar in our newsletter to help families stay informed.
- ✓ We will strive to provide event dates with as much advance notice as possible.
- ✓ Our family handbook is available on our school website. If there's specific information you'd like us to include, please let us know!

Thank you again for your valuable feedback—we truly appreciate your partnership in making our school the best it can be.

## Parking around School

A reminder to follow street signage for both 'no stopping' and 'no parking' around the school. For safety reasons, we ask that there is room for the flow of traffic along Hawthorne Street to move. This is especially important as snow banks develop along the sidewalks and makes it harder to see people walking and crossing streets. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



## Join Us for..

Get ready for a fun-filled evening at Hawthorn's Family Game Night Fundraiser! Join us **Thursday, February 20th**, from 6:30–7:30 PM (doors open at 6:15pm) in the school gym and library for board games, strategy games, word games, and more—fun for all ages!

Admission is by donation, and snacks will be available for purchase. Don't miss our raffle featuring baskets from local organizations—all proceeds support school programs!

Bring your game face and competitive spirit for a night of laughter and community. See you there!

## Breakfast Program Donation

A huge thank you to the staff of Dooly's on Portland Street for their generous donation of over \$4000 to our Breakfast Program. It was received by four of our breakfast program student volunteers and it is greatly appreciated!



## Emergency Contact List

If you would like to update or add any contact names to your emergency contact list in Powerschool, please email [Hawthorn@hrce.ca](mailto:Hawthorn@hrce.ca) and we can update that information for you. This information is helpful in the event of an early or emergency dismissal.