



# Hawthorn Elementary School Newsletter

November 2020

## **Important Dates:**

- Monday November 2, SAC meeting @7pm, HSA meeting @ 8pm
- Tuesday, November 10: In-School Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Wednesday November 11, Remembrance Day Holiday (no classes)
- November 12-17, Diversity Book Drive (see information below)
- Friday November 20, Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)
- November 24-30, Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
- Tuesday December 1, Report Cards go home
- Wednesday December 2, Parent-teacher meetings in PM
- December 3, PD in morning, Parent-teacher meetings in PM (no classes)
- Monday December 7, SAC meeting @ 7pm, HSA meeting @ 8pm
- Tuesday December 22, Last day before Christmas Break

## **Updates:**

Students and staff are getting used to the new protocols and routines and we appreciate your assistance in working with us to make this happen. Thank you to families for calling ahead and waiting outside when picking up your children early. We would ask that we model social distancing for our students at drop off and pick up times in an effort to keep everyone safe.

We ask that families continue to use the Daily Covid screening tool [Daily COVID-19 Checklist](#)

## **School Advisory Council (SAC):**

The SAC discusses and decides on policies and is made up of parents, community members and staff members from the school. We allocate funds to support math, literacy and wellbeing.

The SAC is a volunteer organization that receives their authority from the Nova Scotia Education Act. We provide a voice to influence decisions that impact student learning and provide principals and regional centres for education with advice that reflects the best interests of students.

\*We are currently in need of one (1) community member for this committee.\* This is a great way for grandparents, former Hawthorn parents or any community member to be involved with important discussions that affect our students, school and community. Adding a voice to this committee is an easy and effective way to contribute in a meaningful way to our students' community.

**Our next meeting will be held virtually on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm** via Google Meet. Our meetings are generally 30 minutes and we have four (4) more planned for this school year (December 7 and in February, March and April of 2021). For a link to the meeting, please let us know and we are happy to send it to you. If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair, Alexis Carter Malloch ([hrce-sac-haw@gnsps.ca](mailto:hrce-sac-haw@gnsps.ca)). The SAC Handbook is also available on the school website under "Our School", "School Advisory Council".

## **Hawthorn Home & School Association (HSA):**

HSA is a volunteer, non-profit organization of parents and school staff. Membership is free and open to any interested parent/guardian or staff member. Upcoming Home & School Scheduled Zoom Meetings: Monday November 2nd, 2020 at 8pm & Monday December 7th, 2020 at 8pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## **HSA UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Pumpkin Carving Contest:** Our Pumpkin Carving Contest is still underway and in full swing. We will close the competition after this weekend and judging will commence on Tuesday, November 3. Winners of our Contest will receive a tattletales gift card and will have their Pumpkin featured on the poster that will be printed and put up at the school and on our Facebook page. If you haven't entered yet, it's not too late!! Send those pumpkin pictures into [hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com)

**Diversity Book Drive:** November 12th - November 17th. HSA is thrilled to be joining forces this month with Ms Copeman, our school librarian, and Tattletales bookstore for Hawthorn Elementary School's first DIVERSE BOOK DRIVE. We are so pleased to offer parents and families this opportunity to support our school with the purchase of books depicting children and families of colour and providing platforms for anti-Black racism learning -- and to support a local independent bookseller while doing so! Tattletales will make an online list for parents to view and browse the selections on their website and will also endeavour to have titles in the store for families to purchase. Parents and families can shop in-store and / or call to purchase over the phone, paying with credit card. Then those books will be collected from Tattletales and delivered to the School Library by Ms. Copeman in the third week of November. More details will follow, but please help us in promoting this amazing initiative!

**Just Us Coffee Fundraiser:** We are running our Just Us Coffee Fundraiser again this year. Buy local coffee through us and support the school! It may look a little different than other years but all the same, great selections will be there and the orders will be delivered by the first week of December, so in plenty of time for the Holidays. Keep an eye out for more information next week!

**Home and School Website coming soon!:** HSA has decided to implement our own website to communicate updates and run events though. Especially during this pandemic, we thought being able to have a central location with all the events and fundraisers on it would make life easier. In the meantime we are still posting everything on our facebook page [Hawthorn Home and School Association](#)

(<https://www.facebook.com/Hawthorn-Home-and-School-Association-207936592613211/>) and will still be sending out updates through the schools' email system.

### HSA Mandate

“Hawthorn Home and School Association embraces a balanced approach to enhancing our children’s school experience by raising funds for initiatives in the arts, health and fitness, citizenship, the environment, and technology, in addition to core funding to the school library and teacher support.”

Please contact Bryony at [hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved or have a fundraising initiative. We look forward to seeing you!

HSA Executive for 2020-2021:

President: Bryony McStay Fost

Secretary: Rachel Blair-Johns

Treasurer: Joseph Malloch

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### **Hawthorn School’s VIRTUAL Scholastic Book Fair coming Nov 24 to 30!**

Our book fair is going online this year!

Hawthorn’s Scholastic Book Fair is an opportunity for families to purchase the latest and greatest in affordable children’s books while also helping build our school library -- as a portion of sales directly benefits our school.

On November 24, this link [ <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5151795> ] will go live with hundreds of quality books for all readers. Free shipping, direct to your home, is offered for purchases of \$35 or more (otherwise shipping is \$6).

Your support of this event is key in helping us obtain new resources for our library. Please note these dates on your calendar and plan to “visit” our Book Fair. Share

the link widely with family and friends, as Scholastic can ship....well, just about anywhere....!

Thank you in advance for helping to make our students lifelong readers.



Visit our book fair site now for book previews:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5151795>