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HAWTHORN ACADEMY

# Eagles Monthly

## Stay Red!

BY: Lily Thacker

The week of October 3rd-7th 2022, Hawthorn Academy celebrated being drug free by holding a Red Ribbon Week. Everyday had a specific theme revolving around Red Ribbon Week that came with some type of dress down.

Monday- Be proud to be drug free (wear any red top), Tuesday- Our futures too bright for drugs (wear a neon top), Wednesday- Put a cap on drugs (wear a hat to school), Thursday- Sock-it to drugs (wear crazy socks), Friday- Put drugs to sleep (wear pjs to school)

Throughout the week, the Peer Leaders were outside with an elementary class tying red ribbons to the fences. At lunch there was always an activity for students to get involved. On Thursday there was a “graffiti wall” that was a giant piece of white paper. You go up to the peer leaders, get a Sharpie, and sign your name on that big piece of paper. It was basically full by the end of the day and it now hangs downstairs by the 3rd and 4th grade hallway. When I was outside helping with it, I was able to walk

around the field during 3rd and 4th grades lunch recess with a sign that said “Proud to be Drug Free”. By the end of recess, I had a group of 6-8 kids walking around the field with me, telling all their friends that they are proud to be drug free. That honestly made me so happy to see these kids care about something so big.

Remember, just because Red Ribbon Week is over, doesn't mean that we have to stop raising awareness about the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. You can always say, “no” to drugs, and if you ever need help, find someone from our HOPE Squad or talk to Mrs. Kunz or Lilly.



## A Spooky Talented Assembly

Hawthorn is filled with many talents. Students from the orchestra class performed a piece from their concert. The dance class performed as spooky, scary skeletons, the cheer team showed off one of their routines, and so much more!



In honor of Red Ribbon Week, we had several guest speakers to talk to us about being drug and alcohol free. West Jordan Police

Department explained that they are always here to help.

The middle school's guest speaker, Nikisha Timms, spoke to students about knowing that



the world is a better place with them in it. She wanted to express her care that she knows each student has value to the world. Everyone has something to give.

Elementary's guest speaker was named Laurie Thompson. She talked about a cookie and a cupcake (nephew and uncle). This story explained that addictions keep us away from those we love.



Following the guest speakers, IB Award winners were announced. This month's IB Profile was "Principled".



### October IB Trait: PRINCIPLED

By Izzy Johnson

Principled means to be able to tell the difference between right and wrong and is really useful in the real world as people use it every day. Being principled can be easy for some people but harder for others. Carlos Wallace said, "Principles don't change, people do." So by making the right decision and helping those people can be one of the most principled things you can do.



## Elementary

Mila Swenson, Charlotte Connell, Maylee Boer, Mailagi Thompson, Blakelee Bracken, Saane Toutai, Ellie Borrowman, Charlece Randall, Persephone Thomas, Elena Nuttal, Kiriana Godwin, Lainee Marquardson, Jayde Taylor, Crew Anderson, Tyson Roush, Janelle Chahin, Cooper Kunz, Wesley Mataia, Oakley Cantu

Teachers: Ms. Wright, Ms. Doyle

## ICU List

Hawthorn adopted a new program this year to help students, grades 4-9, complete their assignments. The ICU program was implemented to give students extra support for missing work. When a student is put on the ICU list for a missing assignment, they have several options. They meet with their advisor to set up a 24 hour plan. If they are unable to complete the plan, they go to ICU SOAR. If they have more than six missing assignments, they are signed up for ICU lunch. Students have the opportunity to spend time, one-on-one, with a teacher to work on their assignments. They can also do the same after school. Teachers have seen a lot of improvement this year and far less missing assignments.



## Middle School

Ethan Donado, Max Rendon, Maddie Daniels, Savannah Lara, Evan Turner, Kyra Fox, Addison Mitchell, Kambree Daebout, Jones Nieser, Beckham Adderly, Giancarlo Mahfoud, Adrian Grajeda, Sasah Sosa Saied, Kaloyan Gavrakov, Keaton Heiner, Daniel Ribiero, Aiden Keller, Troy Hatch, Alex Tovar, Daniel Hansen, Mya Vallejo.

Teachers: Ms. Logan and Ms. Hunt

Students pictured here have never been on the ICU list-meaning, they have turned all of their assignments in on time. Way to go! Keep up the great work, Hawthorn Eagles!!

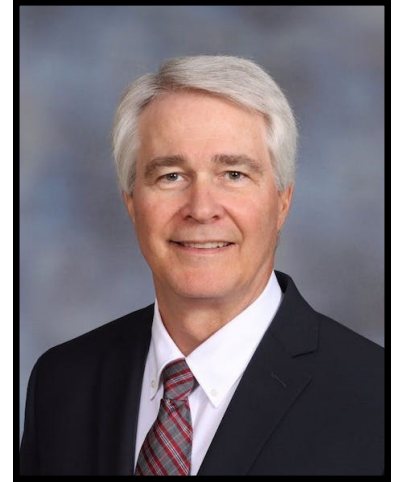


From left to right: Terry Hou, Max Rendon, Nithila Karthik, Kyra Fox, Lily Thacker, Arshia Chauhan, Tanner Ringwood

## NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR HAWTHORN ACADEMY

By Peter McKissick

Dr. Stensrud is our new superintendent here at Hawthorn Academy as of this year. He is Dr. Swenson's replacement and he was eager to tell me some tidbits about him. Dr. Stensrud grew up right here in SLC and was an English teacher and assistant principal in previous years. He says he has had an interest in reading and writing for a long time.



As our superintendent, he describes his job as, "overseeing schools and encouraging student learning". He wishes to see an overall improvement in math, reading, and science. He says that he is already loving the school and the students/staff. Dr. Stensrud would like everyone to know that he likes to form long lasting and meaningful relationships with the people and students he works with. We are excited to have Dr. Stensrud here at Hawthorn. So maybe say hi to him next time you see him in the halls!

## Meet the New Middle School Teachers!

### Let's know more about Dr. Cooke

By Abigail Ratcliffe



Dr. Cooke is Hawthorn's new sixth grade language arts & Social studies teacher. This is her first year at Hawthorn she was influenced to come here by Frau. Su'a, Hawthorn's German teacher and Hawthorn's old elementary principal, Mr. Giles. Dr. Cooke chose to come here because of all the good things she has heard. She has been teaching for thirty two years. This is her first year teaching sixth grade. She has always taught seventh & eighth grade. She has three degrees; a bachelors/ masters/ & doctorate degree.

This is Dr. Cooke's first year teaching at a school with uniforms. She has already noticed there has been less bullying about the students' appearances. She has three classes and she has observed that all three classes learn differently. One class learns best with discussions, her second class learns best hands on, and her third class learns best by reading. So far she has loved teaching sixth grade. She said it has been a great experience because "they still draw me pictures & give me hugs."

Dr. Cooke's favorite food is French fries. She likes French fries because of how soft they

can be and because of how salty. Does she have any pets? Yes, she has two cats and one turtle. Her dream vacation is a whale watching trip. Dr. Cooke was born in Orem, Utah.

## **Alert: New Teacher At Hawthorn Academy**

By Lily Thacker

Ms. Caldwell is the new 6th grade math teacher and let me just tell you, she's COOL! She grew up in a small town called Batesville, Arkansas. She has always wanted to become a teacher from a young age, but when she got older she got "scared" away for a bit and took some other courses in college. Luckily, as we know today, she found her way back. In high school, she did a load of extra-curricular activities. Some of them were softball, dance, Beta Club, and Choir. That seems like it was plenty, but it isn't even all of them. She went to Harding University for college in Searcy, Arkansas. After a long day at work her favorite ways to relax include taking a long warm bath or watching a movie or TV. I think that's one of the most relatable things I've ever heard.



Out of all of her school years, Ms. Caldwell's favorite school year was her junior year. She didn't have to worry that much about graduating, which made it exceptionally less stressful. Her favorite subject in middle school was... drumroll please... MATH! She's always loved math, even at a young age. So much so that she would teach it. To top it all off she has a cat named Meg. If you haven't said "hi" to our new sixth grade math teacher, make sure to or you'll be missing out BIG TIME!



## **NEW TEACHER AT HAWTHORN: Mr. Clawson**

By Joel Jessop

Mr. Clawson is the new 6th grade social studies and science teacher here at Hawthorn. He came to Hawthorn this year and he likes that his classes have shrunk because he used to teach classes of 70 students! He likes that so he can help more students. Some of his hobbies include reading, woodworking, and building Lego sets. He wants his students to have good note taking skills. Some rules that he has is to show respect to your peers, teachers, and yourself.

# Meet the New Middle School Teachers!

## Hola, Hawthorn Academy!

By Teagan Wilson

Mr. Emerick is the new Spanish teacher for middle school here at Hawthorn Academy! He chose teaching for a job because he loves to help people learn! He was born in Provo but raised in Pennsylvania, he has 3 siblings 1 girl and 2 boys.

His favorite sibling is Jonn because Jonn is the closest to his age. He got his Undergraduate Degree in Spanish Education from BYU-Idaho!



## Mrs. Thahn Nguyen

By Izzy Johnson



Mrs. Nguyen (pronounced wen) is the new math honors teacher! She is so nice, but let's get an inside look on her and her job. Mrs. Nguyen says her biggest strength is definitely math; she knows it very well and is glad to teach others about it! While knowing this, we definitely thought that her biggest weakness would be English Language Arts. We were close, but her biggest weakness is actually the fact that English is her second language. I'm sure that can cause some trouble understanding and speaking to students.

Her previous job was also a teacher. She left because it was too far from her house, so she came here. In 3 years she still sees herself as a teacher. She interacts well with parents via email and tries to respond as quickly as possible. She has a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in finance, which is pretty impressive if you ask me. We're very excited to have Mrs. Nguyen as a teacher here at Hawthorn and we hope she feels welcome here and enjoys teaching even more!

## New Teacher at Hawthorn: Mr. Inkley

By: Giancarlo Mahfoud

Mr. Inkley is the new substitute and the girls volleyball coach for Hawthorn Academy. He grew up in West Valley, Utah. Mr. Inkley got this job for experience and meeting new people. He previously worked as a construction manager. His favorite part of his job is working with students of all ages. What motivates him to come to work everyday is seeing students improve. Some of his hobbies outside of work are playing and coaching volleyball, playing video games, and playing DND (Dungeons & Dragons). As a kid, he wanted to become an engineer. Mr. Inkley sees himself working at Hawthorn Academy in the future. If you see Mr. Inkley in the hall, give him a wave or say hello!





## Get to know Ms. Logan

By Savannah Stott

Ms. Logan is the new ASL teacher for middle school. If you don't already know, ASL stands for American Sign Language. Fun fact, Ms. Logan hasn't always wanted to teach ASL, she actually wanted to be an ASL interpreter. This also happens to be Ms. Logan's first year teaching. When Ms. Logan decided being an ASL interpreter wasn't a right fit for her, she wanted to be a teacher because she wanted others to know how great ASL can be and be able to teach about deaf culture. If Ms. Logan didn't become a teacher, she would have chosen to be either a pediatrician or an ASL interpreter.

Some things she likes to do in her free time are clogging and chilling around while watching TV. Some of her favorite things to watch are Disney movies and Grey's Anatomy. Some of her favorite foods are fruit and ice cream is for when she is in the mood for dessert. Ms. Logan's favorite season of the year is fall because it's not too hot or cold and loves when the colors of leaves change. Ms. Logan's favorite holiday of the year is the 4th of July because she and her family all gather together to celebrate. If Ms. Logan could go anywhere in the world, she would go to Bora Bora because it's very tropical and has very pretty blue water. Ms. Logan's favorite color is teal. Make sure to say hi when you see her in the halls and make her feel welcome.

## Ms. Bratz

By Justine Johnson

As some of you may know, we have a few new teachers at Hawthorn. We had the honor of interviewing some. I was able to interview Ms. Bratz. Ms. Bratz comes from a family of teachers and that is a big part her main reason for this type of work is children. "I like kids and I like to watch them learn and grow." To see those cogs and gears turn when they grasp a new subject is satisfactory. It's like looking at this big beautiful plant with thousands of flowers that YOU watered.



Her first job was in Iowa. She then got a job here because of the good, happy energy the school gave off. The best part about teaching kids is "making connections" and "helping them feel comfortable". Mrs. Bratz chose Special Ed because that is what her parents did and they enjoyed it. Now, as to why middle school was the way for her, it goes back to those connections. Younger kids can be hard to talk to and since that would go against her teaching points, this was the way to go! With no favorite student, Mrs. Bratz believes that everyone is unique and different in the best of ways. She uses a curriculum and goes based on how everyone is feeling that day. She wouldn't change her job for the world, but she would wish to wear jeans to school.

# Meet the New Middle School Teachers!

## NEW TEACHER AT HAWTHORN: Mrs. Harbaugh

By Ryker Ballash

There is a new teacher here at Hawthorn academy! Her name is Mrs. Harbaugh, and she has been a teacher for about 3 years on an off so she could be with her kids. She got her first degree at byu, but she got her indoorsment at usu. She has been a teacher at victor elementary school, daybreak elementary, and has done adult education at cyprus high school, along with a few other schools. She has five kids, which are 27, 23, 21, 18, and 16, and she has been married to someone named Jarum for quite a long time. Some of her hobbies include baking, reading, and cheering on her kids.



If she was never a teacher, she would be rather an editor, or a dessert food truck owner. A goal she has had for a while is to publish a picture book that she made. She was born in St. Anthony, Idaho and her very favorite show is "the British Bake-off". If you see our great new teacher in the halls, make sure to wave hello!

## New Math Teacher Here At Hawthorn Academy

By Jackson Thacker



Mrs. Beurs is the newest math teacher here at Hawthorn Academy. She has two masters degrees in math education. Before she came to this school she was a math teacher at another middle school. She came to his school because she thought it was nice and she really liked the inter-view even though she has no kids here. She loves helping students and that is what she intends to do.

## Let's Get To Know Mr. Nelson!

By Rylee Diamond

Mr. Nelson is a middle school science teacher. Mr. Nelson became a science teacher because he has wanted to be a scientist ever since he was a kid. He is here to get to his dream job and that is to be a professor in college and teach paleoecology. He wants to teach the studies of fossil animals and plants. He is happy with his classes, but he is still trying to learn how to be a teacher because he is still new to teaching. He hopes to get his students to appreciate science and to help them learn more about it. The way he plans to help his students is by bringing in hands-on activities and to actually show them what it is like. Mr. Nelson has 11 cats and 4 snakes. His favorite animal is a snake because they are misunderstood and no matter how scared you are of them they are more scared of you. His favorite food is Mexican food he said that if he could eat it all day he would.





# Classroom Adventures

**“We Pledge to ‘Choose’ Kind”**  
**4th Grades study of “Wonder”**  
**and what it means to choose**  
**kindness.**

4th grade students read the book “Wonder” and discussed what it means to be kind to those around you. Some of the pledges included, “I will choose kind by not bullying.” and “I will choose kind by being kind no matter what they look like.”

Thank you, 4th graders, for being good examples to us all! Keep up the good work! You can see more of their pledges on their poster in the 4th grade hallway.



**4th Grade Takes a Field Trip!**

4th grade went on a field trip! We asked some questions about it. We found out that they went to Camp Floyd in Clearfield. They went here be-



cause of their Social Studies class to see what it was like to be a pioneer. The kids learned how school was, how they washed clothes, and how pioneers made everyday objects like candles. Classes had so much fun on this field trip and they say that the most fun part was making candles. Mrs. Wright, a 4th grade teacher says that this is a different field trip because it is a lot more hands-on than other field trips she's been on. The students got to do what pioneers did, along with learning about them.

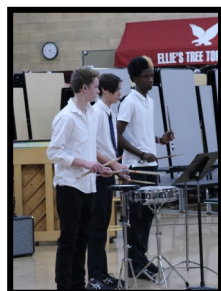
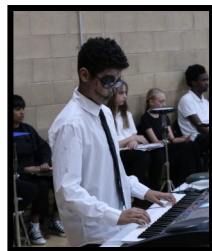


# MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMS AT CONCERT

By Peter McKissick

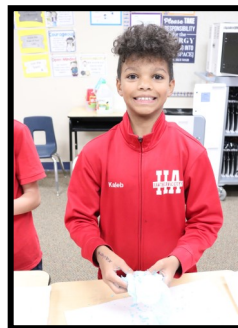
On October 6 of this month, Hawthorn Academy's music department played in a concert. This included the Hawthorn Middle guitar, orchestra, band, and choir classes. The songs they played were well received and their songs were played in full without distractions.

The orchestra, choir, and guitar also collaborated for a performance of Bill Withers' "Ain't no Sunshine." All classes involved showcased discipline and understanding of the material and we're looking forward to their next concert.



# 5th Grade Stinky Science

Things got gross and stinky in Mrs. White's fifth grade class. They learned how to make plastic with milk and vinegar like people did during colonial times. Things



got messy. Kaleb said, "It was hard to make plastic in colonial times. Today we have factories."

Eliza said, "It's disgusting!!" Aside from the gross smell and feel of the plastic, students seemed to

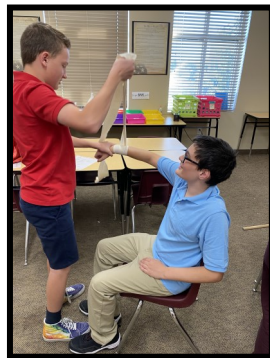
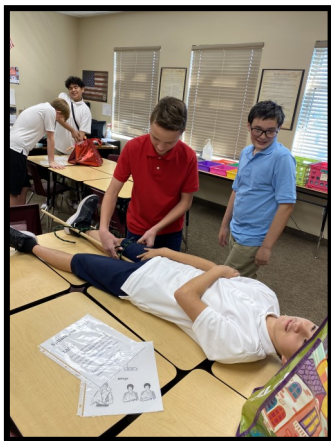
have fun with this hands-on activity.

Once their plastic got more pliable, Jane said, "The part to play with is satisfying." These students learned that things weren't so easy back in the 'old days'. We are very fortunate to have what we have now!



### 8th Grade Health

8th grade students in Mrs. Nielsen’s class learned about different types of first aid. They learned how to splint an injured leg, apply an EpiPEN, do CPR, bandage an injury, among other procedures and techniques. Students were able to demonstrate their knowledge of the first aid procedures on each other in the class. This practice will help them know what to do in an emergency and make them more comfortable if they ever need to do it.



### 3rd Grade Field Trip

By Abigail Ratcliffe

3rd grade went on an amazing field trip to West Jordan City Hall, police department, and fire department. They walked from Hawthorn all the way to West Jordan City Hall and around Veterans Park. The third graders seemed to like it. A third grade student said “It was fun.” Another student said, “I think I learned about all the police things.”



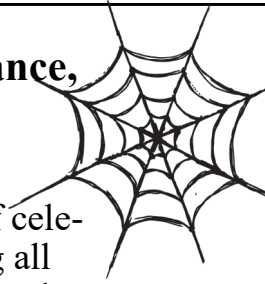
They got a tour of the police department and fire department. They also go to eat lunch with the mayor. Third grade had an amazing



field trip at West Jordan City Hall and at Veterans Park.



# Halloween Parades, Dance, Parties, and More!

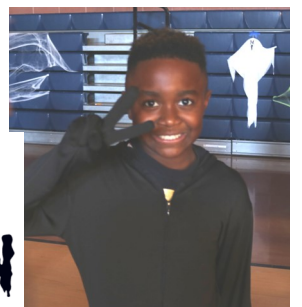
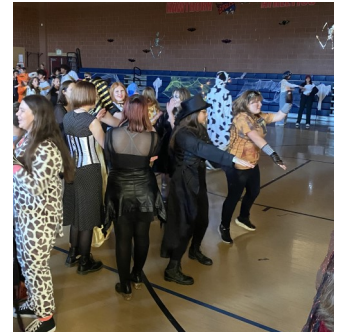


Hawthorn students and staff celebrated Halloween by having all kinds of fun. The elementary classes walked the halls and the gym showing off their costumes. Parents joined to watch.

After the parade, elementary classes enjoyed time having parties. Parent volunteers came to play games with students. Because students reached their fundraising goal, they got to wear costumes all day. Yay!

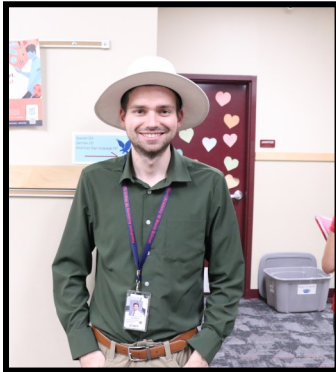
Middle school held a dance during Friday afternoon. There was lots of food and fun for those that came. They wore their costumes, played games and enjoyed time with their friends.

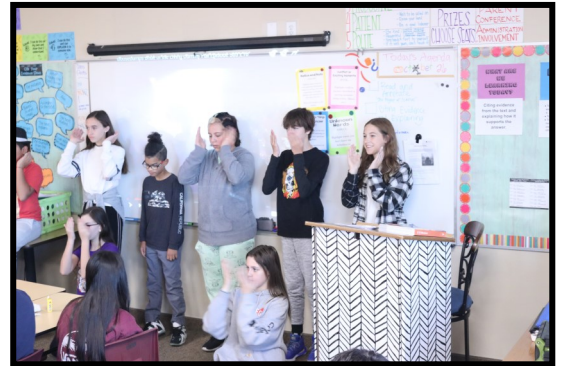




HAPPY HALLOWEEN

# Hawthorn Happenings





ASL students went around signing Halloween songs to different classrooms.

