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Your Words Matter

By Mrs. Bateman

During an advisory lesson this month, I teared up in front of my students because of the passion I felt during our anti-bullying discussion. Unfortunately, bullying is part of life and everyone has been a victim. I explained to my students that they can control their actions and their words.

We see it on the news that a student brought a weapon to school or a student ended his life because of someone else's words. It isn't a myth anymore, it's our reality. And it's a scary reality!! As a Hawthorn Academy teacher and mom, I fear for the lives of my own kids and the lives of my students.

Hawthorn Academy is a special school because of the team of teachers, admin, secretaries, paraprofessionals, and all those that help our students succeed. I can attest that these people love this school and the students who walk through the doors every day. We want it to be a safe place.

Students, YOU ARE LOVED. If you feel like you have no one in this world cheering for you, I'M cheering for you! You are not alone. You are valued. You have worth. You are

brave and talented and wanted here at Hawthorn Academy.

Thinking back to my middle school years, I can relate to the "cringiness" of it all. I hated 8th grade. I hated how I felt and how I was treated. I remember those who said hurtful things-more than I remember those who were nice, unfortunately. But I do remember one of my teachers who told me that I would go far in life. I didn't believe her. I didn't understand what she meant, but I never forgot how her encouragement made me feel.

The time is now to do a self-check on how we treat others. We should also check how we treat ourselves. It isn't about *if* something tragic happens, but *when*. Let your words be kind and uplifting. You can't dwell on the shoulda, coulda, woulda after the event happened. Be mindful about the now.

Each day as my students leave my classroom, I let them know that I love them. For some, they find it weird at first, but I have noticed that as the semester goes on, they start to say it back. I love this school, I love the students, I love being here each day with all of you. Go forth and be kind!

December IB Trait: Thinker

By Jones Nieser

What is a thinker? A thinker is someone who exercises initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively. Thinkers are people who make smart and resonant decisions based on their ethics and morals.

A little more about the I.B. trait thinker is “The IB Learner profile aims to develop students who are thinkers. Students who are thinkers exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.”

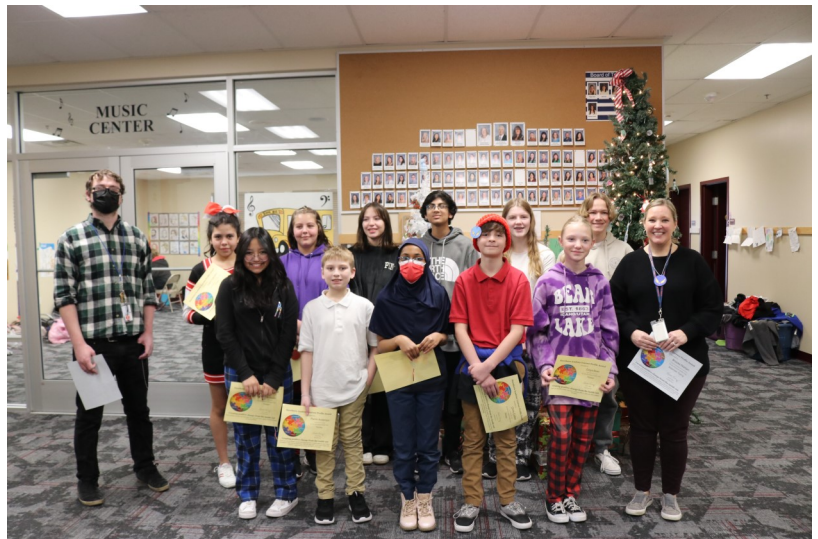
Thinkers can use their thinking skills to critically and creatively to make good decisions and solve hard problems. Thinkers can also use their thinking skills to solve altercation problems.



Elementary

In no particular order: Natalie Taylor, Beckham Richardson, Caleb Unsicker, Xander Johnson. Hudson Crookston, Adrian Mole, Lily Nelson, Luca Mahfoud, Adele Russell, Bradley Donado, Kristina Torigian, Jonathan Leon, Lennen Wells, Jake Taylor, Corbyn Ertmann

Teachers: Jana McLachlan & Emily Normandeau



Middle School

In no particular order: Chris Colton, Perrin Anderson, Mahreen Jeilani, Zaiya Boer, Ariella Godwin, Isaac Humphrey, Leila Pacheco-agic, Lily Thacker, Jackson Thacker, Emily Burquez, Cami Calcano, Zeeshan Aizad, Isabelle Jensen, Peter McKissick

Teachers: Adam Walden & Brooke Nielsen

January IB Trait: Balanced

By Kean Ward

What is balanced? Balanced is one of our schools IB traits. By definition it's "Understanding the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others."

These aspects include the sports we do, time we spend with friends, reading the school newspaper, sleep, or even doing our school work.

Each aspect has equal importance and can impact the other parts of our life. It's difficult to find balance but science has proven that finding balance in life has been shown to improve overall health.



Elementary

In no particular order: Delsilyn Taylor, Isaiah Aburto-Perdomo, Vivian Walker, Maximus Noorda, Jayden Yates, Stella Smith, Lincoln Kollman, Paxton Ringwood, Bennett Eves, Alexandria Leon, Monyca Carmona, Karrys Gulsby, Brynn Halstenrud, Kayla Walker, Samuel Bastidas

Teacher: Jaylynn Merrill



Middle School

In no particular order: Caliea Tuione, Brynn Russell, Quynh Vu, Michael Fullmer, Eliana Ruiz Diaz, Abigail Ratcliffe, Haylee Snyder, Dereck Mendes, Sophie Shubin, Shelby Pearson, Vincent Zeng, Ella Stephens, Alek Russell

Teachers: Alisha George & Michael Layden

Holiday Traditions Around the World

Finnish Christmas

By Justine J.

In America you probably already know or can easily guess what we do for this happy time. We celebrate with family, kids can go to the mall and sit on Santa's lap, and then the fat man himself comes down the chimney to give presents to anyone who's been nice. While in Finland it's close, but not quite. Yes, they do have big parties where the whole family comes to join in. Also yes, kids do come to sit on Santa's lap. Yet, this is Finland. The place where you can live in giant igloos.

The older men in the family also invite Santa to hang out with them at the sauna. Santa can attend family dinners. Kids also wake up early to watch Santa's Hot Line, it has had a huge part as a Christmas tradition. It was made in the 80s, Enough about Santa. Everyone sings Christmas songs, that are about the declaration of peace on Christmas. The Finnish celebrate Christmas until January. Known as "The Saint Knutt's day". It is huge in Finnish folklore. With the main phrase going as follows. "Good Thomas brought Christmas with him, an evil Nuutti took it away." And that's how it ends every year.

CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa's Christmas traditions share huge similarities to that of the U.S, celebrating with things like stockings and gift giving. The critical difference is that when Christmas time comes around for us, it is Summer in South Africa, meaning they have to celebrate in vastly different ways.

Some common Christmas festivities include swimming or surfing, eating Christmas dinner outdoors, and having barbecues. South Africa also has some differing food from the U.S, a few examples being suckling pig, Christmas pudding, and meat pies. They also like to go camping and caroling around the city, which is decorated with lights and decorations.



Holiday Traditions Around the World

Norway's Holiday Traditions

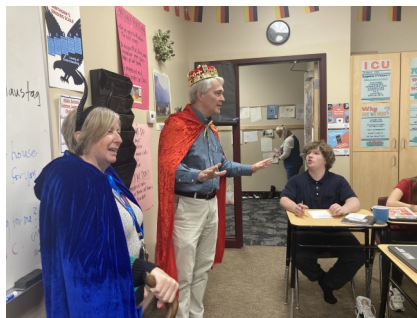
By Abbie Ratcliffe

Norway might be all half way across the world; However; they have some of the same traditions that we have. They have a festival of lights, A big feast on Christmas or Christmas eve, and if your lucky father Christmas will pay them a visit. The festival of lights will be celebrated until late January of even early February. In some areas of Norway. On Christmas Day or Christmas eve they will have a feast with family and friends. During this time they might open gifts from one another. For holiday food traditions they will eat ribbe, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and cranberry sauce. For smaller children if you are good then father Christmas will pay you a visit. This is just a couple of Norway's holiday traditions.

German Classes Celebrate St. Nicklaustag

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Dr. Stensrud dressed up as St. Nicklaustag and Mrs. Anderson dressed up as Krampus to celebrate Christmas in the German Classes.



A Cobweb Christmas

By Claire Davis

Some animals around the world are considered icons for Christmas! For example, the reindeer and polar bear ornaments, but over in Ukraine many people have a tradition where they would hang spider web ornaments on the tree, they usually make the ornaments themselves with paper, glitter and wire.

In the USA and other places around the world, it is considered in-normal to decorate with spider webs, usually the spider decorations only come out during Halloween. The people say that the spiders and spider webs bring good luck and fortune in the upcoming year, that is why they use them!

According to www.treehugger.com the legend goes, "A poor family had no decorations for their Christmas tree, so while the children were sleeping, spiders spun webs of silver around its branches. When the family awoke Christmas morning, the tree was sparkling with silver webs." This is why people in Ukraine decorate with silver spider webs or spiders during the Christmas season.

Christmas in the Philippines!

By Giancarlo Mahfoud



Christmas in the Philippines is quite unique compared to other countries. Not every country celebrates Christmas the same. Every country has its own tradition to celebrate Christmas. So here are some of the traditions that Filipinos do.

The first tradition is to make your own Parol. Parols are one of the oldest Christmas traditions in the Philippines. Parols are basically lanterns made from colorful decorating paper and bamboo. The lanterns guide villagers and locals to churches and chapels for praying. Another tradition is Noche Buena. Noche Buena is a traditional time where families prepare a massive amount of delicious food to eat during Christmas Eve. Some foods that are made are queso de bola, hams, pancit, lechon, puto bumbong and many more foods. Another tradition is the Giant Lantern Festival. The Giant Lantern Festival links in with making your own Parol. The Giant Lantern Festival is held in mid December in the city of San Fernando. The Giant Lantern Festival purpose is a show of gratitude to Quezon. The Festival has competitions of giant parol lanterns. The Giant Lantern Festival is also nicknamed, "Christmas Capital of the Philippines." Another tradition is Caroling from house to house. Caroling is to sing Christmas carols. This tradition also happens in the U.S.



So those are some of the

Christmas traditions in the Philippines. There are many different traditions and celebrations in different countries around the world!

Holiday Traditions

By Teagan Wilson

There are many holiday traditions depending on where you live which can be the pickle in the tree from Germany to a cobweb Christmas in Ukraine. There is one that you might have heard of which is bad Santa in Austria which is about a creature or some say ghoulish creature called Krampus according to [Unusual Christmas Traditions From Around The World](#) "British kids are well acquainted with Father Christmas, Santa Claus or Saint Nick, but they can consider themselves lucky they don't live in Austria. That's because it's here that a ghoulish creature called 'Krampus', the evil accomplice of St Nicholas, is said to wander the streets in search of badly behaved children. During the month of December, you can expect to see terrifying masked figures out and about scaring kids and adults alike with ghastly pranks. If this holiday tradition sounds like your kind of thing, be sure to check out the annual Krampus parade in Vienna." This half goat half demon monster has been known since the 12th century and will forever be known.



Buon Natale

By Lily Thacker

Christmas in Italy is different from ours but in some ways, the same.



Midnight Mass
Midnight Mass is held on

Christmas Eve in Rome. The point? Well, people gather at the Vatican at 9:30pm, not midnight, and the Pope even comes. They have a service there and head home before midnight. If you can't make it into the Vatican to be able to see the Pope, it's broadcasted live in St. Peter's Square.

No Meat on Christmas Eve

In Italy, no one will eat meat on Christmas Eve. They usually have seafood or fish substitutes in dishes. Like in some places they have lasagna, but no meat allowed, right, so instead they use anchovies. In Rome a traditional dish called Pezzetti is served. It's little fried cubes of artichoke, zucchini, and ricotta.

Le Bafana & Babbo Natale

They don't have a Santa Claus in Italy, but rather who they call Babbo Natale. Babbo Natale which will



translate into Father Christmas. Like here in America, they go and see Babbo Natale in his grotto or can find him in a mall. They also write letters to him about what they want for Natale. Good kids get gifts, and bad kids get nothing, not even a lump of coal.

Something different about this is that in Italy they also have Le Bafana. She is the good witch that visits them on January 6th (Epiphany) because Italy's holiday traditions don't end until then. When Le Bafana comes, good kids get gifts and bad kids get coal. She also sweeps your floor which is to signify sweeping away your troubles from the past year and a fresh start.

Epiphany

Epiphany is January 6th and a BIG deal in Italy. It's their last day of holiday celebration and the day that Le Bafana visits them. On January 5th they have a big bonfire in their town square. They call this celebration "Falò Del Vecchione" which in English means "Bonfire of the Old Man." They celebrate Epiphany because it's said to be the day that the Three Kings arrived at the baby's crib.

This isn't all the traditions that happen in Italy, there are so much more. Even some smaller ones like how they watch the movie "Trading Places" every year. Learning about different cultures can be super cool sometimes.

Buon Natale Eagles! □

Elementary Performances

By Izzy Johnson

On December 14 and 15 the elementary students in 1-5th grade performed their Annual Christmas performance. During this performance the cheerleaders and special choir accompanied the students with the cheerleaders dancing to one of there songs.

They sang many older songs like Frosty the Snowman and silver and gold but they also introduced some newer songs for example they had



some students drum as they sang without any music. These students did great and we couldn't be more proud of them.



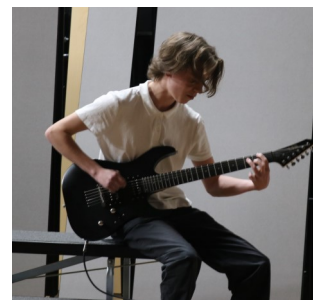
Middle School Performance

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December was a month of talent as we enjoyed the middle school music concert.

Each class performed 2-3

three pieces. During the band performances, three soloists were featured: Gage Hunter (trumpet), Sophie Shubin (clarinet), and Willow Southard (trombone). The band even had alumni come back to perform. The concert also had Ryan Reif perform an electric guitar solo.



"I loved having a tuba in the band (from the alumni students). My favorite song we performed was "Santa the Barbarian."

Adrianna (9), commented on the concert. Kyler (9) said his favorite piece he performed was "Carol of the Bells". It was huge success and a good send off into winter break.



Egg Babies

By Jackson Thacker

The 8th graders had an assignment to take care of some egg babies. The way the assignment works is you get a hollowed out egg and you carry it around for a week and you have to take care of it and keep it safe. At the end of the week you get a grade on the condition of the egg. Seems easy right? No. "It's very hard when you're getting bumped around in the hall," said one student. Another said, "I didn't realize how hard it is to carry another thing around school for a while and it makes me



not want to have a kid for a long time".



You also had to journal everything you did and your parents

had to do a report as well to see how well you did at home. And get this, you might need to get a baby sitter if you can't take your baby to class with you. But thankfully we made it through and almost everyone was successful. But it was indeed a very tricky assignment.



Set the Stage!

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The theatre class put on a show before Christmas break. The show was originally from a children's book. Students voted on the story and created a script. Students worked hard creating the sets, finding and creating props, and designing their costumes.

"We designed personalities base on the characters actions, movements, placements, etc." Kara said about the creation of the show. Students performed for their parents, the dance class, and the 4th grade.

According to Kara, "The meaning of the story was don't gaslight people and don't be greedy. Learn to appreciate others." Wise words and a great lesson for all of us to learn! Great job theater students!!



SPORTS PAGE

Hawthorn Academy Girls Basketball

By Haylee Snyder

Your Hawthorn girls basketball team has had three games this season! There are 20 girls split between Varsity and JV and they are coached by Ms. Lilly. All the girls are excited to play and support each other. Each game has had great turn out because of all the fans that have been to the games. This includes parents, teachers, and students.

The first game was January 18th against Lincoln Academy. The girls came up short, but they fought hard. It was a good first game and the girls learned a lot.

The second game was January 23 against North Star Academy. Varsity had a very close game and never quit. Varsity



may have lost, but JV had their first win. The JV team went into overtime and Abigail Ratcliffe scored on a freethrow to win by one point.

The third game was January 25 against Legacy Academy. Varsity had their highest score all season and it was a very tight game. Unfortunately, Varsity lost 24 to 27. Haylee Snyder was the leading scorer with 16 points.

The girls play every Monday and Wednesday. Check out their schedule and stop by a game!

We Love Our Cheer Team!!

Hawthorn's cheer team works incredibly hard each day after school. They condition, learn routines, and cheer on our sports teams at every home game. They add so much fun and energy to the games. Thanks for your efforts and support!



The Third Graders Field Trip was a BLAST!

By River McNeill

The third graders went to the Discovery Museum downtown the second week of January! The third graders got to go on Trax from West Jordan all the way downtown. They then walked to the Discovery Museum.



After, they got to build Lego race cars and race them down a large track. They also got to play in the "city". The city had jobs they could role-play such as a car manufacturing center or a grocery store person. There were many more jobs they could role-play there.



I asked them if they wanted to go back and they told me nine out of ten times, they really wanted to go back because it was really fun and a blast!



There were also two planes outside that were huge and you could go inside them and look at them and play. At the end of the day they went back on the train to West Jordan and then they got picked up by their guardians. I heard this trip was a huge blast and I am super glad that the third graders got to go on this wonderful field trip.



100 Days of Kindergarten!

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Kindergarten students in Mrs. Combes am/pm classes celebrated 100 days of kindergarten. Way to go!!



Hawthorn's Assembly

By Abigail Ratcliffe

Hawthorn had a great assembly. The IB trait this month was to be balanced. Hope Squad created an interactive skit. Students had to balance boxes labeled things like "Phone", "Family Time", "School", etc. The kids had to stack boxes up and try to make it stable after they had to cross a line of cones to win. It was all about finding balance in life.



German Classes

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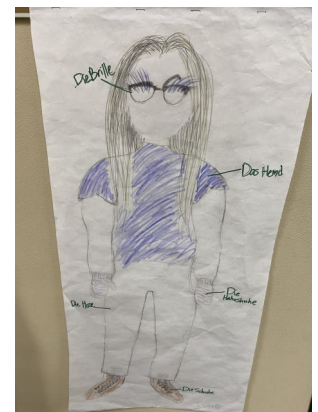
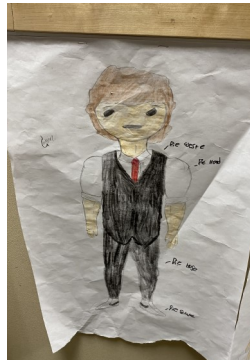
Frau Su'a takes teaching German seriously. Seriously fun, that is. She sets up many different ways to get students to connect with the language and the history. Over the last few weeks, students have drawn up the Berlin Wall. They added quotes from leaders demanding the wall to come down and drawings to illustrate the events.



Students have also learned clothing vocabulary with self-portraits labeling the clothing. You can see these works of art in the hallways.



Another way to get students to practice their German is to play familiar card games such as "Go Fish". Das ist immer eine gute Zeit.



Activity in A2 Spanish

By Kayllyn Bowen

On January 11, 2023 Spanish A2 had an activity with an Ecuador new years tradition. The Ecuador new years tradition is to ring in the new year. They celebrate by burning "monigotes" or mannequins that represent the old year. After they get burned, the families or town would go and jump over the ashes while playing the song "zapateando juyayay" a famous Ecuadorian song.

Ellie's Kitchen

By Kean ward

Our school's cafeteria has been sampling new foods and ideas. For the past year, they have done this to make our school a better place, and the kitchen is starting with the food. Many people don't know that the Cafeteria has passed out samples four times this year, during breakfast time, at recess, and an 8th grade PE class.

During these samples they prepared Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, Breakfast Mini Strawberry Bagels, Barbecue Teriyaki Chicken, and Totchoes. April Larsen, the West Jordan campus kitchen manager, states that "So far, we've had a lot of success."

April, speaking for the whole cafeteria, also pointed out that the Totchoes were the kitchen's favorite dish to sample. This also resonated with the students, and adults, Soon enough Totchoes became their most popular Sample.

Others in the cafeteria said they received comments like "10/10" or "100/10". Nixon Webb, a student who had a chance to sample the popular Totchoes, said, "They might look a little gross on the outside, but they're delicious!"

Even though the Totchoes were a favorite, there has been no least favorite sample yet. "I think the kids are excited about more variety."--April larsen. This also goes along with what a philosopher named Francis Bacon said about variety, "Nothing is pleasant that is not spiced with variety." And variety is just what the kitchen is bringing to hawthorn, Making Hawthorn more pleasant and making our schools people's favorite part of the day better.

Berlin Wall Report

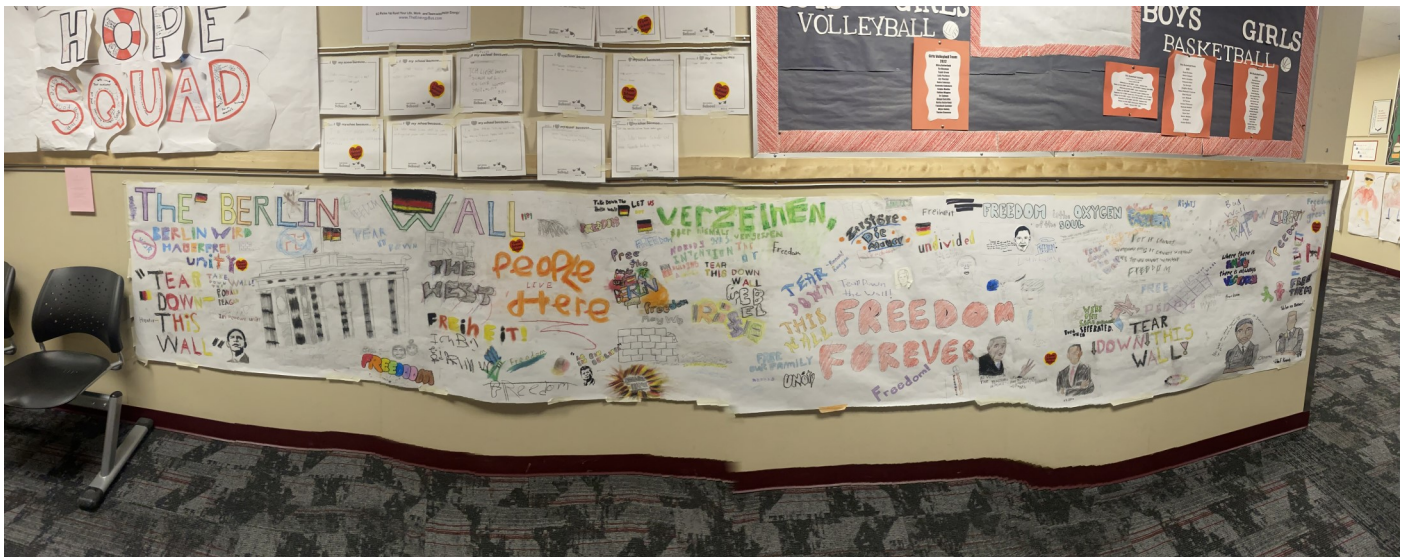
By Brooklyn Barnett

In German class students were assigned to learn and write about the Berlin Wall by Frau Su'a. On the night of August 13, 1961, German soldiers from the east put up 30+ miles of barbed wire around the heart of Berlin. People were not allowed to go past the barbed wire. The Berlin Wall was a wall that separated the west and east parts of Berlin, Germany.

The wall had two large guard towers along the large concrete walls, in between was an empty space soon to be called "the death strip". The death strip was about 160 yards wide and about 27 miles long. The reason it was called the death strip was because it was being watched by guards 24/7 and the guards could shoot and kill anyone trying to escape from the other side of the wall. It was also filled with bombs and explosives that if you stepped on them, it would have blown you up. The wall stayed up for almost 30 years! It divided and separated many people and families.

Now, as much as the wall was a horrible

thing that happened to Berlin, I found positivity in it. The wall on the west side was called the "Wall of Shame". It was a term used by mayor Willy Brandt in reference to the Wall's rules on freedom. But on the east side of the wall, it was a symbolization for the so-called "Iron Curtain" that separated west and east Berlin during the Cold War. On the east side, you would normally find lots of graffiti and drawings that people would do to show and/or make their opinions heard by others and the government. Fra. Su'a, the German teacher, was very happy with the results of everyone turning in the assignment and doing so well. She was so proud of her students and very interested to see what everyone had to say about the Berlin Wall.



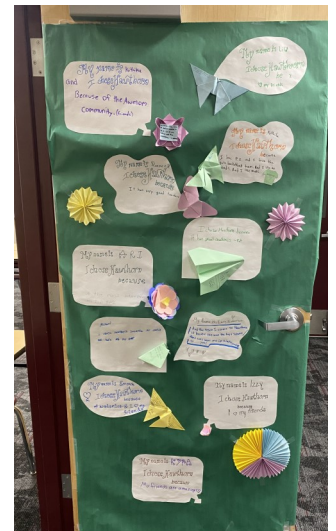
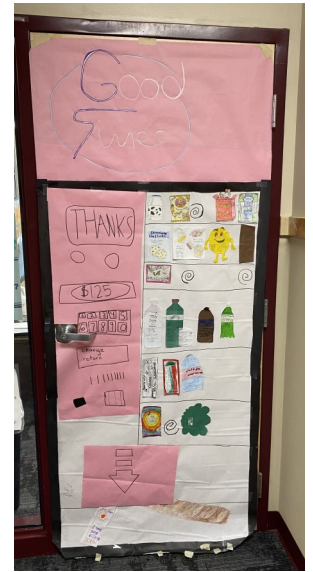
Hawthorn is My School of Choice!

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Students and teachers had a door decorating contest to celebrate that Hawthorn Academy is their school of choice. Students created different designs like Redbox, a play on The Price is Right, and other fun and creative designs.

On the doors, students wrote down or illustrated why Hawthorn is their school of choice. Some of these included “The freedom to choose where you go to school makes you work harder.”, “PE is fun!”, “I chose Hawthorn because the teachers are amazing!”. The top three class winners were: 3rd place, Ms. January, 2nd place, Ms. Nguyen, and 1st place, Mrs. George. Congrats!!

We hope that Hawthorn continues to be your school of choice!



Hawthorn Happenings.





