

December 20, 2017

Hiawatha CUSD 426

Calendar at a Glance:

**Fri., Dec. 22**

EL Holiday Parties 1pm

**Dec., 23th—Jan. 7**

Winter Break

**Mon. Jan. 8th**

Back to School—

Beginning of 3rd quarter

**Thur., Jan 11th**

K-5 Report Cards sent

**Fri., Jan. 12th**

No School—Teacher  
Institute

6-12 Report Cards Sent

**Mon., Jan. 15th**

No school—Martin

Luther King Day

**Tue., Jan. 16th**

PTO Meeting 6:00p.m.

**Jan. 16-30**

EL MAP Testing

**Wed., Jan. 16**

3rd-5th Grade Honor

Roll Assembly 2:30p.m.

**Mon., Jan. 22nd**

School Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. LRC

**Tue., Jan. 23**

Scripts Spelling Bee 2pm

**Fri., Jan. 26**

SIP/ Early Release.

EL 11:30, JH 11:40.

No PreK Attendance

**Tue., Jan 30**

PTO Pizza Pick up 5pm

**Fri., Feb. 2nd**

SIP Early Release

K-5 2:00p.m.

JH/HS 2:10p.m.

PreK is in Session

# HAWK HERALD—HIAWATHA PreK-8



Dear Hiawatha Families,

It is truly hard to believe that the 1st semester of school has come to an end. The joy of the holiday season has filled our classrooms and hallways. It is a pleasure to see all of our students so excited for the winter season. The activities students have participated in to give back have also warmed my heart. Spending time with loved ones is my favorite part of the holiday season. I hope that each and every Hiawatha family has the opportunity to enjoy the holidays in their own unique way. I wish each and every student, parent, grandparent and community member a joyous holiday season filled with hope, love, and happiness. If there is anything I can do to assist your children please feel free to contact me at 522-3336 or e-mail at: [jared.poynter@d426.org](mailto:jared.poynter@d426.org).

Happy Holidays!!! ~ Mr. Poynter



*The mission of Hiawatha CUSD 426 is to empower all students to become productive, responsible caring citizens and independent lifelong learners through a quality education within a safe and respectful environment.*

## Winter Reminders

Please be reminded that the morning playground will be open unless there is a wind chill of zero degrees or lower. It is important that students dress appropriately for the weather. Be advised of any potential school closings. As you may all know we can not control the weather. You can be assured that student safety is our number one priority. There are several factors that play into the decision to call off school. In the event that it is necessary to close school due to inclement weather, that announcement will be made

on the following radio/television networks along with a call from our School Messenger system and a posting on Facebook and the school website.

WLBK 1360 AM  
WZOK 97.5 FM  
WREX TV 13

WDKB 94.9 FM  
WIFR TV 23  
WTVO TV 17

[www.hiawatha426.org](http://www.hiawatha426.org)



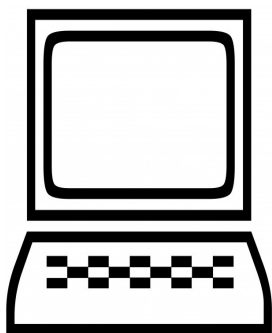
## School Improvement (SMART Goals/Curriculum Mapping)

Each semester our Hiawatha K-8 Data Teams work hard to analyze student assessment data and develop S.M.A.R.T. Goals for our students. There are 3 data teams, K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. A S.M.A.R.T. Goal is to be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic/Relative and Time Bound. Teachers work hard with students throughout the semester to develop standards-based instruction in order to support those goals. After Winter MAP testing, teachers dive into the assessment data to determine success of the goals and develop new goals for second semester.



After some turn over in leadership we are proud to announce that Curriculum Mapping has commenced once again. Teachers are working hard to align their lessons and standards to develop a foundational curriculum map to build upon for continued school improvement.

## Distribution of additional computers provides more instructional time!



We are proud to announce some exciting technology upgrades at Hiawatha. Under the leadership of Mr. Ramiro Salto (Technology Director) we were able to not only obtain, but roll out, 120+ laptop computers. We obtained these gently used computers free and distributed 4 portable laptop carts with 30 computers each in them. The distribution was in addition to our existing EL, JH and HS labs, 2 portable labs at the HS, and 2 portable labs at the JH. One cart was added at the HS, one at the JH, and one each for K-2 and 3-5 classrooms. Mr. Salto has done an outstanding job of helping implement these upgrades. The additional computers have cut our testing windows in half which provides for more instructional time in the classroom. In addition the computers are being utilized to provide strategies, interventions, and enrichment for students as we focus on meeting our S.M.A.R.T. goals.

## **ESSA—Every Student Succeeds Act**

ESSA is the most recent version of the federal government's biggest K-12 law, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which came into effect in 1965.

Want to learn more? What does ESSA look like in Illinois? How ESSA impacts our school and students? Etc.....

**Come to a ESSA Parent Night on Monday January 29th  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.**



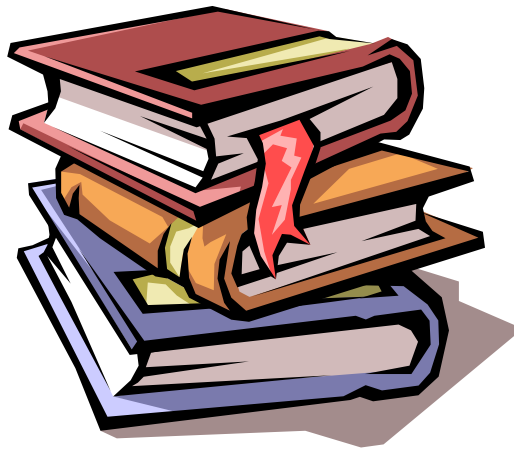
### **Pathways**

We continue to develop and build upon a PreK-12 standards based curriculum. One initiative taking place is supported by the JH and HS teachers collaboration. This supports a seamless curriculum and transition from JH to HS. In addition there is exploration going into career and college pathways for students. It is our hope that this individualizes student learning and provides for a tailored education to better meet student needs. In addition there is a effort to add more dual credit courses at the HS.



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## Time for a story: EL reading

Want to spend time with your youngster, build their reading skills and help them learn to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud. Here are some suggestions: **#1. Read Regularly**— Read to your child every day. 10-15 minutes at night time or bring a book to read during a siblings sports practice are ideas. **#2. Take turns choosing a book**— Does your youngster want to hear the old favorite again and again? Use your turn for new titles and variety. (nonfiction, poetry) **#3. Let them participate**— Ask your child to turn pages while you read. They can also finish sentences that rhyme or fill in words they know. Go slowly so they have time to understand the story and look at illustrations. They will enjoy read-aloud time more if they play an active role. **4. Be playful**— You can use different voices for different characters. (high squeaky voice for a mouse or a deep, booming voice for a horse) You can also substitute your youngster's name for the main character's name, and use family members' names for other characters.

**Note: You do not need to be an expert reader— your child will love it when you read aloud because it's you.** ♡

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### Kirkland Chamber of Commerce Sponsors

Art and Essay Contest at the new and improved Christmas in Kirkland event.



Saturday, December 9th was the Christmas in Kirkland event downtown. The event was sponsored by the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, City Hall and area businesses. At the very festive holiday event, nine students were recognized for outstanding art work and essay writing. Each student received a cash prize sponsored by the Chamber. The Hiawatha band and choir performed as well.

#### Art Winners:

Kindergarten - Melanie Burkhardt  
1st Grade - Annalise West  
2nd Grade – Leah Belle Hartigan  
3rd Grade – Sam Gomoll

#### Essay winners:

4th Grade – Hunter Taylor  
5th Grade – Isabella Fruit  
6th Grade – Zach Edwards  
7th Grade – Laila McDonald  
8th Grade – Christina Fischer

Great job to all of our students! Thank you to the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the contest and supporting our Hiawatha students.

