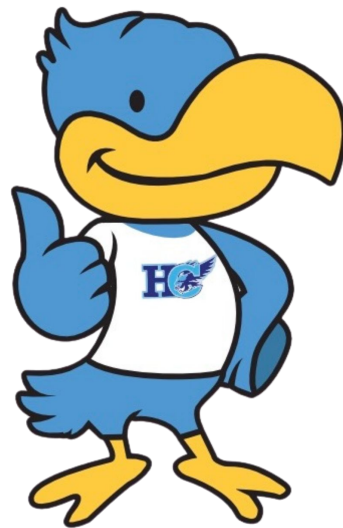




WELCOME TO
HORTONS CREEK
ELEMENTARY
KINDERGARTEN!



MEET THE ADMINISTRATORS & OTHERS

Mr. Michael Parker
West, Principal

Ms. Amanda
Morton, Assistant
Principal



Alex Moffe and Elizabeth
Horant, Counselors

Danesha Raines, Nurse

Kat Jones, PTA President

Christopher Hammie,
YMCA

K Teachers



WELCOME & GROUNDING

TURN & TALK to TABLEMATE

What is your child MOST excited
about for the upcoming
Kindergarten school year?



MEET OUR PTA PRESIDENT MRS. KAT JONES

president@hortonscreekpta.com



Find out more about us at hortonscreekpta.com

HORTONS CREEK PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The overall purpose of the PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging with and empowering families and the community to advocate for all children.

WHAT WE DO:

- Spiritwear
- Spring Carnival
- Family Engagement Events/Nights
- No Hungry Hawks Community Service
- Support the school through enhancements & maintenance



Keep an eye out on our FB page for the KinderHawks 2025-2026 page:

<https://www.facebook.com/hortonscreekpta>



EduKits

*School supplies
made simple*



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

"The professional school counselor is concerned with the educational, academic, career, personal and social needs and encourages the maximum development of every student."

-From the American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

- Individual Counseling (parent, teacher, or student referrals)
- Group Counseling (variety of topics-social skills, divorce group, grief group, etc.)
- Classroom Guidance (for all students; developmental in nature)
- Clarify counseling at school



[Counselor website](#)

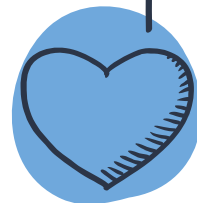
Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Elizabeth Horant:

ehorant@wcpss.net

Alexander Moffe:

amoffe@wcpss.net





SCHOOL NURSE

- Delegation Model of Care
- School Nurses in Wake County are employed by Wake County Human Services, Wake County Public Schools and serve 2-3 schools each.
- Nurses provide services 2-3 days per week in each school.
- One goal of School Health Services is to keep all students healthy and safe in order to improve attendance and educational outcomes.
- Hortons Creek School Nurse- Danesha Raines
draines2@wcpss.net



IMMUNIZATIONS

NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LIFETIME IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Name _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

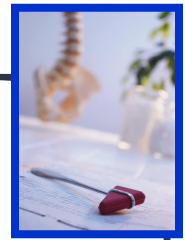
Birthdate _____ Sex _____ SS# _____
Month/Day/Year

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____



- X Must be current.
- X The parent, guardian or responsible person has 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to present the required written proof of immunizations. The child CAN be excluded from school until proof is provided.
- X If you have any questions about your child's immunizations please contact the school prior to the start date.



KINDERGARTEN HEALTH ASSESSMENT (KINDERGARTEN PHYSICAL)

- X The parent, guardian or responsible person has 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to submit the required health assessment form to the school.
- X The child CAN be excluded from school until proof of the assessment is provided.
- X Contact the school nurse for:
 - X Chronic illness, diabetes, asthma, severe allergies, seizures, etc.
- X Contact the nurse to set up a medical plan if your child needs accommodations due to medical conditions BEFORE school starts.
- X It takes time to set up these plans and they cannot be put into place on campus until they are set up formally. Please arrange this before your child starts school.



MEDICATIONS

- ✗ Medications will be administered at school ONLY if a Physician Order for Medication form, 1702 is completed, signed by physician and parent and is in the possession of school officials.
- ✗ These forms are available at the front office.
- ✗ The Medication form and the pharmacy label information must match!



- ✗ ALL medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian.
- ✗ ALL medications must be in the original pharmacy container with original label on it.
- ✗ Parents may bring other medications to be administered at school such as cough drops, Motrin or poison ivy creams, etc. ONLY if a Physician Order for Medication form, 1702 is completed, signed by physician and parent and the medicine is in its original container.





x Medication Drop Off Sign Up

bit.ly/hawkmedication25

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Children should be kept home from school with:



✗ Fever of 100.4 or higher (Should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school).

✗ Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

✗ Severe headache

✗ Red, watery eyes with yellow drainage

✗ Undiagnosed rash

✗ *Visit the [WCPSS website](#) for the most current information about when to keep a child home



KEEPING YOUR CHILD HEALTHY

- ✗ Children learn best when they eat a healthy breakfast and receive adequate sleep. Five year olds require 10-11 hours of sleep every night.
- ✗ It is important for your child to attend school daily and to be on time.
- ✗ Studies show that frequent hand washing prevents colds and flu.
- ✗ Instruct your children in good hand washing techniques.



MAKE SURE THAT HCES CAN CONTACT YOU

- ✗ Keep your contact information at the school current. The school needs to know of any changes in your home, cell or work numbers immediately.
- ✗ Please make sure that the school has an emergency contact number in case you cannot be reached.



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN! (ALSTON)



Hortons Creek CREED



#HAWKSDOITDIFFERENT

I am innovative.

I am uniquely capable.

I have a voice that can create change.

#OTHERHAWKSMATTER

I take care of myself.

I take care of others.

I take care of our place.

#TOGETHERISBETTER

We value all people.

We believe relationships matter.

We believe relationships take work.

WCPSS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Days of which to pay close attention:

- ★ Teacher workdays
- ★ Student vacation days
- ★ Student learning days
- ★ Holidays

West



2025-2026 Traditional CALENDAR Calendario Tradicional

July / julio		2025	
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Days available for weather make-up in order of utilization / Días disponibles para recuperación de clases por orden

- ★ First and last days
Primer y último días de clase
- H Holiday
Día Festivo
- W Teacher Workday
Día de trabajo del maestro
- V Vacation Day
Día de Vacaciones
- Q End of Nine Weeks
El Final de Nueve Semanas
- R Report Card
Boleta de calificaciones

Banked Day
Banco de días
Banked Day
Banco de días
January 2
February 26
May 1
June 12

In accordance with the NC Calendar Law, if the school district must close schools, the superintendent will update the calendar to provide additional days for any scheduled teacher workdays, Saturday, Sunday, or other days of instruction, or scheduled vacation days to meet legal requirements. If cancellations are used, they will be full replacement days. If all other options are exhausted, students may be asked to reschedule their classes.

De acuerdo a la legislación por la Ley de Calendarios de Carolina del Norte, el Superintendente actualizará este calendario deberá ser actualizado para proporcionar días adicionales, días festivos de los maestros, días de vacaciones de los maestros, días de vacaciones de los estudiantes para cumplir con los requisitos de la ley. Si se utilizan los días de vacaciones, estos serán días completos de instrucción. Si se agotan todas las demás opciones, se puede solicitar a los estudiantes que reprogramen sus clases.

* Hours accumulated by the schools, per Article 10 of the 1995 North Carolina Education Code.

MORE INFORMATION / MÁS INFORMACIÓN
www.wcpss.net/calendar

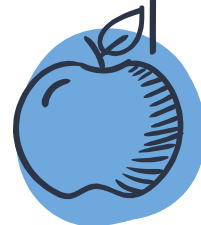
2025-2026 Traditional Calendar

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE (WEST)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.



THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE (WEST)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.

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When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE

18 or more days

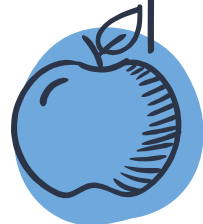
WARNING SIGNS

10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY

9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



ATTENDANCE RESOURCES (WEST)

- Regular school attendance is necessary for academic success. Students are urged to be present daily unless there is a valid reason for being absent. Students must be in school every day unless they are ill or there is an emergency that prevents him/her from attending. We prioritize and value instructional time and need every minute to provide students with quality instruction. For that reason, we ask that you ensure your child arrives at school on time and that you refrain from early check-out unless it is an emergency or for a scheduled appointment.
- [WCPSS Attendance Policy](#)
- [Attendance In The Early Grades](#)
- [Help Your Child Succeed In School: Build The Habit of Good Attendance for K](#)
- [Help Your Child Succeed In School: Build The Habit of Good Attendance](#)

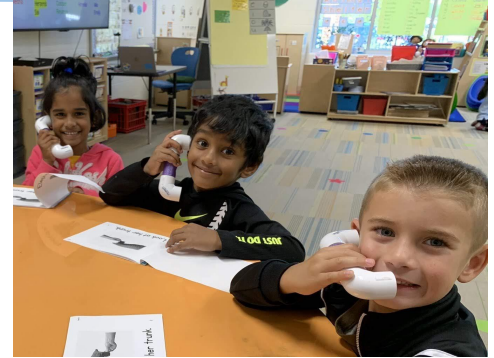
COMMUNICATION

1. WCPSS Website

www.wcpss.net



talkingpoints

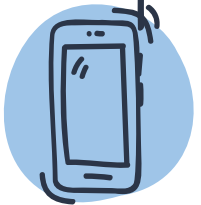


2. School Communication

- School [website](#)
- Weekly principal messages posted on school website and emailed
- Talking Points App
- School [Facebook page](#)
- School X handle [@hortonscreekes](#)

3. Classroom Communication

- Email
- Weekly newsletters
- Canvas
- Talking Points App
- Any concerns go to teacher first



TRANSPORTATION (MORTON)



talkingpoints



****ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE A
HANG TAG
regardless of how they go home****

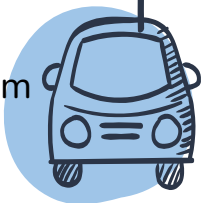
ARRIVAL OPTIONS

- ****Car**
- Bus
- YMCA morning care
- Walkers (Must complete walker form on school website)
- Bike riders



DISMISSAL OPTIONS

- ****Car**
- Bus
- YMCA after school care
- Walkers (Must complete walker form on school website)
- Bike riders



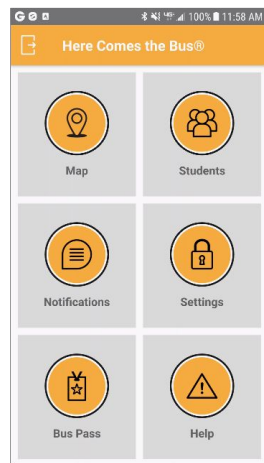
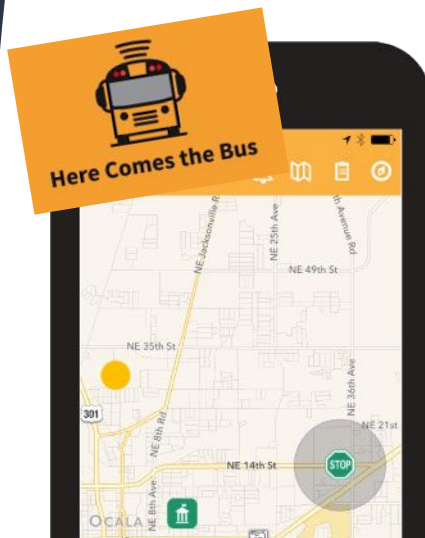
****Put car seats on passenger side of cars & teach how to buckle/unbuckle, open/close doors.****

BUS RIDER REGISTRATION (MORTON)

Bus Rider Registration typically occurs in June and July for the following school year. You must register for the bus service by going to:

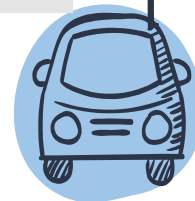
wcpss.net/busrider

TRANSPORTATION (MORTON)



WCPSS School Code: **67500**
[More Info - Transportation Website](#)

WCPSS School Code: **NO Code for Talking Points. Uses PS Information**





WCPSS MEALS (MORTON)

My School Bucks

Please check back here
for updated information
on school lunches in
2024-2025

Options: School Lunch or
Bring Lunch from home

<https://www.wcpss.net/school-meals>





WCPSS Diet restrictions Form (Morton)

MEDICAL DIET RESTRICTIONS

- Medical Forms filled out by a doctor are required
- Once cafeteria receives students menus from dietician, special meals will be provided
- we encourage you to send lunch for the student until we receive the menus

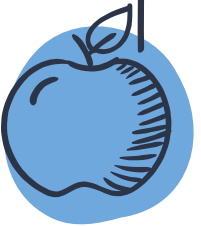
RELIGIOUS/PREFERRED RESTRICTIONS

- no special meals will be provided
- Although vegetarian options are offered daily, there is a possibility that we may run out of them. To make sure that your child gets a full balanced meal, we encourage you to check the menus and send them with a lunch on days that the menu offers entrees that do not meet their needs.

DRESS CODE(MORTON)

Policy 4316: Student Dress Code

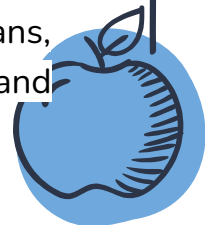
- Please click on the link above to familiarize yourself with the WCPSS Student Dress Code. As the weather begins to warm; we will hold students accountable for adhering to this dress code. Specifically, the yellow highlight below:
- Students must wear clothing that **covers their skin from chest to mid-thigh** with opaque (non-see-through) fabric in front, back, and on the sides.



KEEP PERSONAL ITEMS AT HOME (MORTON)

WHAT TO BRING/WHAT NOT TO BRING TO SCHOOL:

- Students should be prepared each day with paper, pencils and other school supplies.
- Any money brought to school - lunch money, picture money and book money - should be in a sealed envelope with the child's name and the teacher's name on front. Students should not bring extra money to school.
- Students may **NOT** bring toys or athletic equipment to school. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Toys and trinkets like: Rubix cubes, keychains with toys attached, tech decks(mini skateboards), fidgets, spinners, putty/slime, figurines, toy cars, stuffed animals, journals, pens with items that are distracting, excessive accessories (hair accessories, headbands with distracting attachments), slap bracelets, bracelets with toys attached, pop-its, fans, beyblades, cards (Pokémon, baseball, playing cards, etc). Radios (headphones, air pods), and hand-held games or other such items are not allowed.
- **To protect our building and furniture, chewing gum is not allowed.**



SCHOOL DEVICES (WEST)

Overview of Student Device Program

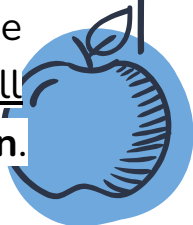
- The WCPSS Student Device Team partners with schools to ensure that all K-12 students have access to devices.
- Kindergarten students have access to classroom sets of Chromebooks.

K Classroom Devices

- Kindergarten classrooms are provided sets of 20 Chromebooks for students to use while in school only. K Devices are not assigned to individual students and do not go home with any student.

Personal Devices

- Computers/tablets, phones, watches must be in sleep mode and/or theater mode so that screens are off. Phones/computers/tablets must be in backpacks at all times. **If items are made visible, they will be confiscated by the administration.** Items will be released to parents/guardians only.



25-26 Kindergarten Schedule (Alston)

- Specials Options:

- PE
- Music
- Art
- STEAM
- Media
- Science

8:45 - 9:15	Arrival/Purposeful Play
9:15 - 9:25	Morning Circle
9:25 - 9:55	Language Comprehension
9:55 - 10:55	Letterland
10:55 - 11:20	Literacy Intervention/Purposeful Play
11:20 - 11:50	Lunch
11:50 - 12:20	Recess
12:25 - 1:25	Math
1:25 - 1:50	Writing
1:50-2:05	Read Aloud/Snack
2:05 - 2:40	Specials
2:45 - 3:15	Science/Social Studies
3:15 - 3:35	Math Intervention/Enrichment
3:35 - 3:45	Closing Circle
3:45	Dismissal



All Students need:	
Standard Size Student Backpack without wheels and Lunch Box & water bottle	2 Poly folders (red & blue)
Change of Clothes	1 box no.2 pencils
2 packs multicultural crayons	3 Mead Primary Journals
2 boxes of crayons (24 pack) 1 pack markers	Blunt-tip child scissors
6 Glue Sticks	Over the Ear Headphones

Our Community Could Use:

clorox wipes - baby wipes - snack size ziploc bags - sandwich size ziploc bags - gallon size ziploc bags - jumbo size ziploc bags - hand sanitizer - tissues - white cardstock - multi-colored cardstock - colored paper - painters tape - copy paper - glue sticks

Edukits: [ORDER HCES EDUKITS LINK](#)

Hortons Creek Elementary offers the EduKit program as a convenient option for busy families to order school supplies for the 2025/2026 year. EduKits include the supplies approved by our school. Your student's order will be in the classroom on the first day of school.

STAGGERED ENTRY & MEET THE TEACHER (HOWEY)

**Staggered Entry -
First week of school
August 25th-28th (M-Th)**

This is a **half day of school
for each day.**

Items to bring:

- Lunchbox
- Water bottle
- Backpack

*Please make sure to meet with our school nurse before this date to arrange for any medication needed at school (if needed).



**Meet the Teacher -
August 29th**

Items to bring:

- **School supplies**
- This is a Parent/Child meet- NO SCHOOL

**First Day of School -
September 2nd**

Staggered Entry 2025-2026

Hortons Creek KinderHawks!

Monday,
August
25th

Tuesday,
August
26th

Wednesday,
August 27th

Thursday
August
28th

Last Names
A-I

Last Names
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Last Names
N-Z

All
Students
Attend ½
day

9:30-2:00 PM
(Howey)

What to bring to Staggered Entry:

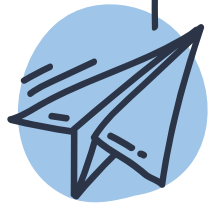
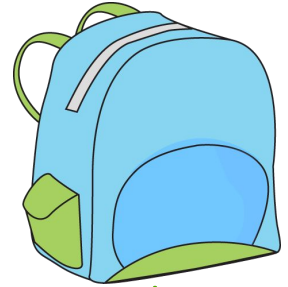
- lunch
- water bottle

Please make sure to meet with our school nurse before this date to arrange for any medication needed at school.

Bring school supplies to Meet the Teacher on **Friday August 29th**. First day of school: **Tuesday Sept 2nd (8:45-3:45 P.**

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL-OFF TO A GOOD START! (ALSTON)

- [HCES Family/Student Guide](#)
- [Off to a Good Start Handout](#)
- [Let's Get Ready - Kindergarten Readiness Document](#)
- [Fine Motor Preparation for Kindergarten](#)
- [Ways to Encourage Communication](#)



ROUTINES AND INDEPENDENCE (ALSTON)

We start building routines and independence in the classroom from day 1. These are some things you can do to help build your child's independence.

- Practice putting things in and out of your learner's backpack. We expect your child to take his/her daily materials out independently each day with reminders.
- Make sure your child can open and close all containers independently. No glass containers!!!
- Make sure your child can use the bathroom and wash their hands independently.
- Practice buttoning and zipping clothes independently.
- Practice tying shoes independently.

DAILY BEHAVIOR (ALSTON)

- Build morning routines to support students before they get to school (Getting dressed, packing backpack, eating breakfast, lots of positive affirmations, etc.)
- Arrive to school on time, and leave student all day (8:45-3:45 PM)
- Practice talking about feelings
- Practice cutting and coloring skills

There will not be daily communication with families regarding behavior/how an individual child's behavior is.

YMCA at Hortons Creek

YMCA offers Before School and Afterschool every day.

- 7 - 8:45 a.m.
- 3:45-6:00 p.m.
- Programs run on a staff ratio of 1:10
- Flexible Programming
- Online Registration - www.ymcatriangle.org
- Keeping Kids Safe with WCPSS and DHHS
- Overseen by professional YMCA Directors
- Each program has EMAT/CPR Certified Leadership Staff

Programming:

- Character Development
- Active Games
- Passive Games
- Arts and Crafts
- Stem

More Questions?

christopher.hammie@ymcatriangle.org





THANK YOU!

Mr. Michael Parker West,
Principal
mwest@wcpss.net

Ms. Amanda Morton,
Assistant Principal
amorton@wcpss.net



Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) General Meeting

May 8, 2025

PTA MEMBERS -
PLEASE SIGN IN



Agenda

2025-2026 Board elected officer vote

Overview of 2024-2025 Activities

Opportunities to get involved



Vote process - 2025-2026 Board Elected Officers

Slate was selected by the PTA Nominating Committee

Nominations from the room are allowed

If any positions are contested, a ballot must be used

Only PTA members may vote - please sign in to establish a quorum

There are other board positions and committee chair positions not included here because they are elected by the incoming board

Proposed Slate of Elected Officers



2025-2026 HCES PTA

Slate of Candidates

President: Nicky Boyer

Treasurer: Lauren Ballew

Secretary: Jen Carnes

VP Communications: Morgan Clark

VP Hospitality: Virginia Norton

VP Operations: Kat Jones

VP Programs: Shweta Sri

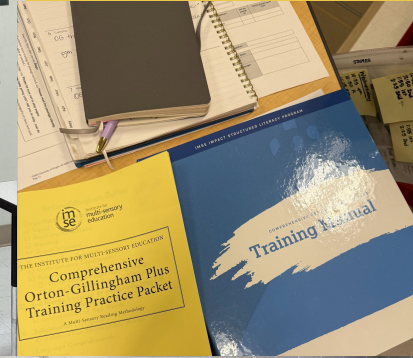
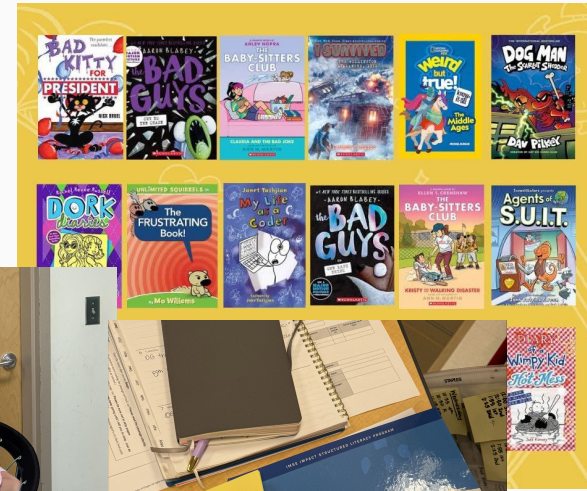
VP Events: OPEN! Contact us if interested

VOTE

PTA Members Only Please

Investing in Our School

- Teacher Grants
- Outdoor Classroom
- Soccer Nets
- Media Center Updates
- Community Garden
- No Hungry Hawks
- Clubs
- Positivity Project
- PE Equipment



We need you next year!

2025-2026 Board and Committee recruitment is underway

If you are willing to help, we would love to have you! There are many opportunities to help, whether as a board member, committee chair, or committee member. Help us make 2025-2026 a strong year for our school!

Some examples where help is needed:

Events
Sponsorships
Book Fair
Edukits
Audit
Lots more!

Please reach out!



Thank you parents,
teachers, staff, and
community members! We
appreciate all of the kids
and grownups who helped
this year!

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