



# HAWTHORN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**12/23-1/2/20017—Winter Break**

12/20/2016—Person Care Closet Open, contact Cindy  
Heiting for an appointment

1/3/2016—1st Day back to school

1/13/2017—Popcorn Day

**1/20/17-Early Dismissal 11:30-No lunch**

3-5:00-Pleasant View Park. Snowshoeing &  
Hot chocolate

2/6-4/28—Open Enrollment

## School Calendar

### December

21

8:40-9:10 am 4K Coffee Talk

10:00 am & 1:00 pm 4K Add'l Parents at School Day

12:30 PM—School Store

22

10:30-11:30 am School Celebration

1:30-3:00 PM “All School Movie Reward”

**12/23 thru  
1/2/2017**

**NO CLASSES Winter Break**

### January

**1/3/17**

**Classes Resume**

3

10:00 AM & 1:15 PM Pre-K Parent day

10, 11, 12, 13

Art Cluster for 4th & 5th graders

13

**Popcorn Day**

18

8:40 4K Coffee talk, RSVP 715-261-0055

12:30-2:00 PM - 3rd Grade to Tiffany Glass Exhibit @Museum

**20**

**NO PM Classes,** Elementary Record Keeping, **dismissal 11:30**

30

4th Grade to School Forest

## Principal Note

Happy Winter! Temperatures are dropping and students should be bringing appropriate outdoor clothing to wear at recess.

We had a great turnout at our November Chili/Pumpkin Pie night serving over 180 bowls of chili! Families had the opportunity to have dinner and chat with others, visit the book fair and pick up their condor coffee orders.. Please join us for our next family event on January 20th for sledding and hot cocoa.

The Hawks Care Closet (hygiene pantry) will be open on December 20th from 9:30-11:30. Please call Cindy Heiting to set up an appointment. We have obtained many personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) that will be available to families.

I hope that you all have a safe, relaxing and joyous holiday break. Thank you for all of your support as parents!

Mrs. Lloyd  
Principal

## 4K Info.

4K dates to remember	Misc
<p>For 4K students at all sites                      Play &amp; Learn: G.D. Jones Gym – Mondays at 2:30 p.m.                      Dec. 23–Jan. 2 – No school: winter break                      Jan. 16 - 4K PTO Meeting, 6pm at G.D. Jones                      Jan. 20 - No 4K classes: Recordkeeping Day                      Jan. 23-24- No school: Professional Learning Days                      Feb 13 - WSD 4 K Basketball Clinic 4:15 check-in at John Muir gym. Clinic from 4:30-5:30. Additional info to come at a later date</p>	<p><i>Every Friday</i> – wear your Hawks t-shirt!  <i>Dec. 21</i> – coffee talk, 8:40 a.m. December parent at school day (addition to schedule) 10:00 for AM session, 1:15 for PM session  <i>Dec. 22</i> - green day, wear green today!  <i>Jan. 3</i> - parents at school day 10:00 for AM session, 1:15 for PM session</p>

### 4K Openings

The Wausau School District is continuing to register 4 year olds in the Wausau area for our 4K Program.

4K Programs are held at the following 4K Learning Academies:  
 G.D. Jones, Hawthorn Hills, Riverview, Thomas Jefferson

Session Times: AM: 8:25 a.m.–11:00 a.m. PM: 11:40 a.m.–2:15 p.m.

Bring birth certificate and come to G.D. Jones to register.

4K Program Office @ G.D. Jones School  
 1018 S 12th Ave 715-261-0265

## District Open Enrollment Info.

*You may apply for open enrollment from February 6-April 28, 2017*

### **What is Public School Open Enrollment?**

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

### **Who may participate in open enrollment?**

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

### **How and when may parents apply?**

The open enrollment application period for the 2017-18 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2017. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

### **Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?**

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school in the nonresident school district every day that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located. If you have any questions about this, call the virtual charter school.
- You must know your resident school district in order to apply.
- A list of 2016-17 virtual charter schools may be found at this [webpage](#).

## **District Open Enrollment Info. Cont.**

### **Can an application be rejected?**

Yes. Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

### **Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?**

Yes, in limited circumstances. A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

### **Can parents appeal if an application is denied?**

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

## **District Open Enrollment Info. Cont.**

### **Must pupils reapply every year?**

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

### **Is there a cost to parents for open enrollment?**

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

### **Who is responsible for transportation?**

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the individualized education program (IEP) for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.

## District Open Enrollment Info. Cont.

### **Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?**

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

### **Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?**

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

### **Important open enrollment dates**

**February 6 – April 28, 2017** – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

**June 9, 2017** – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

**June 16, 2017** – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

**June 30, 2017** – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2017-18 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

#### **For more information contact:**

Public School Open Enrollment Program / Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

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