



# Hawk Headlines

*Hutton Elementary ~ September 1, 2023*

## Principal's Message

Dear Hutton Families,

We are so excited to kick off the new school year! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Launch Conferences this week. Your participation and engagement are crucial to creating a strong and supportive school community.

The Launch Conferences provided an excellent opportunity for our teachers, staff, and parents to connect, discuss curriculum and expectations, and lay the foundation for a successful academic year. Your presence demonstrated your commitment to your child's education, and we truly appreciate your active involvement.

For those who couldn't attend or might have additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or our school office. We are here to support you and ensure that all your concerns are addressed promptly.

As we embark on this new school year, I want to emphasize the importance of open communication between parents, teachers, and the school administration. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for your child's success, and we encourage you to stay engaged and informed throughout the year.

Stay tuned for upcoming events and initiatives that will further strengthen our school community. We look forward to working closely with you to provide the best possible educational experience for your children.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic start to the school year!

Sincerely,

LaTonya Simmons

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, Sept. 5**

First day of school  
1st-5th

**Wednesday, Sept. 6**

First day of  
Kindergarten  
Group A

**Thursday, Sept. 7**

First day of  
Kindergarten  
Group B

**Friday, Sept. 8**

Kindergarten  
Group A

**Monday, Sept. 11**

Kindergarten  
Group B

**Tuesday, Sept. 12**

First day for ALL  
Kindergarten  
students

**Kindergarten**

***Hutton Hawks Soar Together***



First day of Cross  
Country

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

Hutton Social

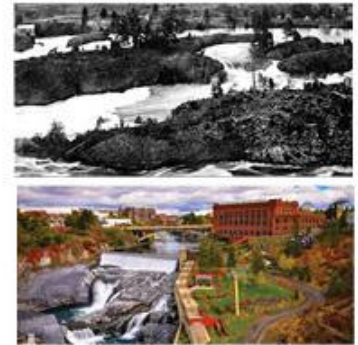
5:00-6:30

PTG Meeting

6:30-7:30

(Library and Zoom)

*Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are on the unceded lands of the Spokane Tribe. The Spokane people shared this place with other tribes through their relations, resources, history, trade, and ceremony. We thank the caretakers of this land, who lived, and continue to live here Since Time Immemorial. This land holds the knowledge, culture, and spirit of "The People of the River."*



**Get to know our new Counselor, Gretchen Snider!**



**School Counselor ([canva.com](https://www.canva.com))**

# Introducing Our Newcomer Classroom



## Nurturing Growth for 3rd-5th Graders

**Teacher:** Katy Gurash (djer-osh)

**Bilingual Specialist:** Maria Echeverri

Dear Hutton Families,

We are thrilled to introduce a new initiative that reflects our unwavering commitment to nurturing the growth and inclusion of our diverse community. It is with great excitement that we share with you information about our Newcomer Classroom, a specialized classroom catering to multilingual 3rd to 5th grade students who are new to our country, community, and our elementary school.

### What happens in a Newcomer Classroom?

This classroom is a dedicated learning environment crafted to support the unique educational needs of Multilingual students who are embarking on their educational journey in our country. Tailored to provide a strong foundation in language acquisition, academic skills, and social integration, this classroom is a haven where these young learners can flourish.

### Our Mission

Central to our mission here at Hutton is the belief in creating an environment that celebrates diversity while fostering educational and social growth. Our Newcomer classroom strives to empower these students to thrive academically, build confidence, and connect with peers, all while embracing the rich tapestry of cultures that enrich our community.

### Classroom Offerings

A range of specialized services is offered and designed to support the needs of 3rd to 5th grade newcomers:

- Language Immersion: Immersive language instruction to enhance language proficiency.
- Core Curriculum: Targeted academic support across key subjects to ensure a strong foundation.
- Cultural Exchange: Opportunities to share cultural traditions and learn from one another.
- Social Engagement: Activities that encourage social integration and foster friendships.
- Individualized Support: Tailored guidance to address each student's unique needs.

### Embrace Our Journey

We invite our community to embrace this meaningful journey as we create a nurturing space for these young children. By offering support, sharing insights, and fostering connections, you

contribute to the foundation of a vibrant, inclusive, and collaborative learning environment. The Newcomer Classroom at Hutton Elementary School serves as a testament to our dedication to each student's success and the harmonious blending of cultures that defines our community and our country.

For further information, inquiries, or to extend your support, please reach out the classroom teacher, Katy Gurash.

With gratitude,

**Principal LaTonya Simmons**

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## Important School Information

# Transportation



Hello All,

Students that will be accessing district transportation will be using a Zum Bus Card this year. There are many benefits that come from using a **Zūm Bus Card**:

### **Enhanced efficiency**

- Students can easily swipe on and off their bus and spend less time waiting to board.

### **Improved safety**

- Parents can more accurately track their students' rides.
- Drivers know that the correct students are boarding their bus, and that students are getting off at the correct stops.

### **Increased transparency**

- Schools are able to track ATTENDANCE and know which students are utilizing transportation services.
- **Starting September 5th**: Students are asked to use their cards for transportation.
- If students lose their cards, please notify the office so that we can submit a request for a replacement card.
- Please note that the students will still be able to ride while waiting to receive their cards.

If you're not sure if your student is eligible for yellow bus service, complete the registration process and the system will let you know.

## REGISTER HERE

### New Faces at Hutton

- Laura Demersseman - K-5 ELA Instructional Coach
- Brittany Dhaenens - K/1 Teacher
- Tina Gardella - LSC Teacher
- Tami Haley - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Specialist
- Holly Hansen - ELD Teacher
- Gretchen Snider - Counselor
- Amber Swim - K Teacher
- Aric Trantum - Night Custodian
- Sherry Wilson - School Psychologist
- Katie Gurash - Newcomer Teacher
- Maria Echeverri - Bilingual Specialist (language support)



### From the Nurse

Returning and new students for the 2023-2024 school year who have Health Care Plans and medications associated with those: **ALL paperwork needs to be completed and signed by both doctor and parent and submitted to the school by August 5, 2023.**

Immunizations **MUST be in compliance** by the first day of school on September 5. Immunizations must be medically verified by your child's doctor or pulled from the WAIS database.

Thank you!  
Nurse Tina

### Cross Country 2023-2024

Cross County begins September 12th! For more information, please **scan the code below!**





Hello Hutton Hawks, the 2023 Kindergarten– 5<sup>th</sup> grade Elementary Cross–Country Season is here!! Last year was AMAZING and our Hutton athletes grew weekly! We are excited to kick start the new school year with cross–country. We will practice weekly on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** after school from 3:00–4:15. Students will meet in the gym, and we will end our practice out on the field. All students must register before our first practice, registration is open NOW. You will need to register at [www.Active4Youth.org](http://www.Active4Youth.org). Register under Zone 3 Lewis & Clark. Participants that ride the bus will be able to ride the activity bus after practice. Please make sure that your child knows how they are getting home after practice each day. Runners should have tennis shoes and a water bottle.

Follow our private Instagram page at [huttonhawksgiving](https://www.instagram.com/huttonhawksgiving) to keep up to date and read all about our practices.

**Below is our schedule for this 2023 Cross–Country Season**

\*Registration is open NOW

\*First Practice begins Tuesday, September 12, 3:00–4:15

\*First time trials are Wednesday, October 4, @Comstock (we will take a bus to the meet)

\*Second time trials are Wednesday, October 18, @Comstock (we will take the bus to the meet)

\*All–City meet is Monday, October 24, @Shadle Park (we will take the bus to the meet)

We would love to have at least six volunteers to help support our runners during practice. If you think you would like to volunteer, please reach out to one of the coaches. Additionally, you will need to have completed the Volunteer Clearance Application, [Volunteer / Volunteer \(spokaneschools.org\)](http://Volunteer.spokaneschools.org) . We are excited to get this journey started and running with your kiddos! Please reach out with any questions to any of the Hutton Cross–Country Coaches.

Sarah Dix, Stephanie Heaton, Katie McCarthy, Michelle Neill, and Amanda Raggenbauer

**Register  
Today!**





## HOOPTOWN YOUTH LEAGUE 23-24 SEASON

- Grades K - 6TH
- Recreational & Competitive Divisions
  - K-2 REC 6 game guarantee
  - 3-6 REC 7 game guarantee
  - 3-6 COMP 10 game guarantee
- No team needed - register individually
- Play with your friends and classmates
- Practice at your attending school
  - 1 practice a week for recreational
  - 2 practices a week for competitive

SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER:



<https://hooptownusa.com/pages/youth-basketball-league>

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### AUGUST 15

*Player & coach registration opens*

#### SEPTEMBER 15

*Guaranteed registration deadline*

#### LATE SEPTEMBER

*Teams formed*

#### OCTOBER (exact dates TBD)

*Rec & Comp practice starts*

#### OCTOBER 28th

*Recreational teams start games*

#### NOVEMBER 4TH

*Competitive teams start games*



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## THE PTG HUTTON SOCIAL

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SOCIAL TUESDAY!

Please join us on the Hutton playground on Tuesday, **September 26, from 5-6:30PM for our PTG Back-to-School Social!!** Come visit our campus, bring a picnic lunch, play with friends and enjoy a cold treat. A parent or guardian is required to attend with their child(ren). We hope to see you there!



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## Morning Arrival, Breakfast and More!

Students who are not eating breakfast at school are

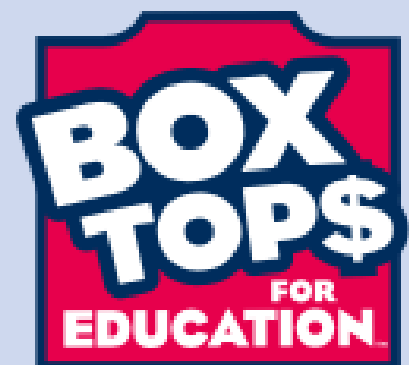
allowed on campus beginning at 8:15AM. Students line up in their designated line up spot (See MAP Below) and are picked up by their teachers and walked into the building. Dismissal doors at the end of the day are the same; **EXCEPT FOR... Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Lipsker, Mrs. Pedersen, and Mrs. Dhaenens.** These four classrooms dismiss to the parent loop through the SW door.



Students wishing to eat breakfast may arrive on campus to eat after 8:00AM. Breakfast eaters will enter into the cafeteria through the blacktop doors and eat inside the cafeteria. \*Mondays are professional collaboration days and school does not start until 9:30AM, so breakfast would begin at 9:00AM. Breakfast is made available to all students up to 10:00AM.



JOIN SAFETY PATROL



Earning Money for



Is your Fifth Grader looking for a meaningful and impactful way to contribute to their school community? Consider the valuable opportunity for them to join Hutton Elementary School's **Safety Patrol Team**. As a member of this esteemed team, your child can not only help ensure the safety of their peers but also develop essential life skills, leadership qualities, and a sense of responsibility that will serve them well throughout their academic journey and beyond.

Encouraging your child to join the Safety Patrol Team at Hutton Elementary School can be a rewarding experience that fosters personal growth, leadership skills, and a strong commitment to the safety and well-being of their peers.

Please call the office at 354-3030 and let us know if you are interested.

How to Earn -  
[Box Tops for Education](#)

READY TO START EARNING  
FOR HUTTON? [GET THE BOX  
TOPS APP TODAY!](#)

It's as easy as scanning your  
receipts!



## WE ARE HIRING.....

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
FOR CROSSING GUARDS AND  
NOON SUPERVISION FOR THE  
2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Hutton is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year to serve as morning and afternoon crossing patrol guards, as well as for the lunchroom and playground supervision during the noon hour. Even if you only have 2 or 3 days per week of availability, consider applying. If you know a neighbor or friend who might be interested, please encourage them to apply as well.

**The hourly wage for these positions is \$16.24.** It is a great way to get outdoors, interact with students and become more involved in the school that your child or children attend. For more information, please stop by the office or call 354-3030 between the hours of 7:30AM- 8:00AM.

# SPOKANE PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

## AUGUST

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
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## SEPTEMBER

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## OCTOBER

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## NOVEMBER

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## DECEMBER

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## JANUARY

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### SIGNIFICANT DATES

August 28 - 30..... Teacher Work Day / Prof. Learn. Imp. Day  
 August 31 - September 1 ..... K-12 Launch Conferences  
 September 4 ..... Labor Day  
 September 5 ..... First Day of Classes (1st through 12th)  
 September 6 ..... First Day of Kindergarten (A/B Rotation)  
 September 12.....First Day of All Kindergarten Together  
 September 25 ..... First Day for School Day Preschool (PK)  
 September 26 ..... First Day for AM/PM & CIP PK  
 October 13.....Prof. Learn. Imp. Day / Non Student Day  
 November 10 ..... Veterans Day  
 November 22-24 ..... Thanksgiving Break  
 December 25 - January 5 ..... Winter Break  
 January 15 ..... MLK Day  
 January 25-26 .... Elem. Progress Conf. / Elem. Non Student Day  
 February 2 ..... Semester Break-Day / Non Student Day  
 February 19 ..... President's Day  
 February 20 ..... Prof. Learn. Imp. Day / Non Student Day  
 March 15 ..... Weather Make Up Day / Non Student Day  
 April 1-5 ..... Spring Break  
 May 27 ..... Memorial Day  
 June 7 ..... Last Day for AM/PM & CIP PK  
 June 11 ..... Last Day for School Day PK  
 June 14 ..... Last Day of School  
 June 17, 18 ..... Weather Make Up Days (if needed)  
 June 19 ..... Juneteenth

### Elementary Grading Periods

February 1 ..... End of First Semester  
 June 14 ..... End of Second Semester

### Elementary Reporting

#### First Grading Period

February 16 ..... Report Cards

#### Second Grading Period

June 14 ..... Report Cards

### Secondary Grading Periods

November 7 ..... End of First Quarter  
 February 1 ..... End of First Semester  
 April 12 ..... End of Third Quarter  
 June 14 ..... End of Second Semester

### Secondary Reporting

November 15 ..... First Quarter Report Cards  
 February 9 ..... First Semester Report Cards  
 April 19 ..... Third Quarter Report Cards  
 June 17 ..... Second Semester Report Cards

## FEBRUARY

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## APRIL

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## MAY

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## JUNE

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### LEGEND

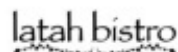
- First/Last day of School
- Late Start/Collaboration
- Holiday
- No School/School Break Day
- Conferences
- ♦ Teacher Workday/Prof. Learn. Imp. Day
- ★ Weather/Emergency Makeup Day

## 2023-2024 SPS Calendar



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