



Hawk Headlines

Hutton Elementary ~ September 15, 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Hutton Elementary School Families,



I hope this message finds you well as we continue our journey into the third week of the school year. Our start has been filled with positive energy, enthusiasm for learning, and the wonderful sound of children's laughter echoing through our hallways.

As we all settle into our academic routines, I want to take a moment to discuss a critical component of your child's success here at Hutton Elementary: attendance.

Regular attendance is not just a policy; it's a key to unlocking your child's full potential. Each day in class represents a unique, irreplaceable opportunity for learning and growth. When children miss school, they miss out on essential lessons, classroom activities, and the chance to build social skills that come from interacting with their peers and teachers.

The impact of sporadic attendance can be subtle but significant. Missing just one or two days per month can add up to a considerable amount of lost instructional time over the course of an entire school year. This not only affects academic performance but can also hinder the emotional and social growth that is a crucial part of the educational journey.

If challenges arise that make it difficult for your child to attend school, please know that we are here to support you. Whether the challenges are health-related, logistical, or emotional, our school is equipped with resources and staff prepared to assist your family. Our teachers, counselors, and administrators are just a call or email away, and we are committed to working with you to find solutions that ensure your child's consistent attendance.

By placing a high importance on attendance now, we are setting the stage for future success, instilling in our students the work ethic and responsibility that will serve them well throughout their lives.

I understand that circumstances can and do arise that may require a student to be absent, but I urge you to communicate openly with us so that together we can take steps to minimize any disruption to your child's education.

Upcoming Events

**September 19, 21, 26
& 28**

Cross Country Practice
3-4:15 PM

September 26

PTG Back to School
Social
5-6:30 PM

PTG Meeting
6:30-7:30 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

October 6

Pre-Homecoming Event
Sacajawea MS
5:30-6:30 PM
LC Homecoming Game
One Spokane Stadium
7:30 PM

October 9-27
Student Mini Grants

October 18
World Languages
Begins

Thank you for your commitment to your child's educational success and for being an integral part of our Hutton family. Together, we can make this school year incredibly productive, meaningful, and enjoyable for all.

Warm regards,

LaTonya Simmons
Principal

Hutton Hawks Soar Together

You're Invited to...



Save the Date:
UNITING THE LC TIGER COMMUNITY

What is it?
The Lewis and Clark community is uniting for a pre-homecoming kick-off event that promises fun, games, food, and a strong sense of community pride.

When is it?
Friday, October 6th

What location and time?
Pre-Homecoming Event:
Sacajawea @ 5:30pm-6:30pm
Homecoming Game:
One Spokane Stadium @ 7:30pm

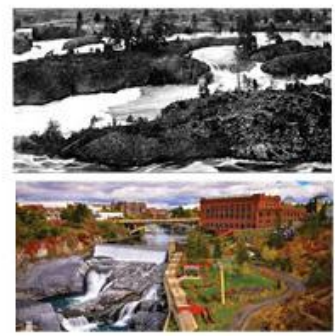
"From Cubs to Tigers, It Takes Us All."



Thank you,

Hutton Community for all the **Start with the Arts** donations! We are deeply grateful for your support in making our **process art** initiative successful. By collaborating in this way, we're giving our students the opportunity to engage with art in a manner that celebrates their unique visions and fosters a love for creative exploration. Thank you for being an essential part of our Hutton community!

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."



Our Amazing Students



We are smiling, learning and discovering.
What a great start to the 2023-24 school year,
Hutton Hawks!



Sensory Paths

We are excited to announce that Hutton Elementary has recently installed a sensory path in our Kindergarten and 1st grade wing. Sensory paths are designated routes on the floor, often marked by colorful shapes and instructions, designed to engage students in physical activity and stimulate their senses. These paths are especially beneficial for children who may need a break to refocus, relieve stress, or expend energy in a positive way. Schools that implement sensory paths often see improvements in concentration, emotional regulation, and even academic performance among their students. We invite families to visit and experience the sensory path themselves, as we believe this will be a valuable asset in making our school a more inclusive and welcoming environment that will serve the needs of all students.

Important School Information



Hutton Hawks Soar

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PARENT HANDBOOK

Home of the Hawks

Parents, please remember to review the Hutton Parent Handbook and the Hutton Hawk Behavior Plan. Please refer to the [last page of the Behavior Plan](#) on the Parent Record of Review. We ask that you review that page with your child and return it to your child's teacher. Thank you!



Morning Arrival, Breakfast and More!

Students who are not eating breakfast at school are **allowed on campus beginning at 8:15 AM**. 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 8:00 AM. 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 9:30 AM, so breakfast would begin at 9:00 AM. Breakfast is made available to all students up to 10:00 AM.

Students need to head directly home after school as the playground is open only to students in Express.



Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards

Students who ride bikes and scooters to school should be governed by the following:

1. Parents make the decision as to whether their child may or may not ride a bike to school. It is the recommendation of the school that students in grades K-2 should not ride bikes or scooters to school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. All bicycles and scooters must be parked in the racks provided, and locked. They should not be locked together. The school does not accept responsibility for damaged or stolen bikes or scooters.
3. Bikes and scooters must be "walked" across patrolled crossings, and on school grounds when coming to or leaving school.
4. Heelys and skateboards are not permitted at school.
5. Helmets are required. An ordinance enacted by the Spokane City Council requires all people to wear a helmet when riding their bikes, or scooters, etc. on streets, sidewalks, and other public property. Students attending schools located within the city must therefore wear a helmet when riding their bikes or scooters to and from school.

Many children in the Spokane area are treated each year for bicycle-related injuries that are sometimes critical or cause life-long brain damage. The goal of the City ordinance is to help reduce the number of head injuries among young people by requiring helmet use.

Dogs

Even the friendliest dog can cause problems on a playground full of children. In compliance with our district wide policy, **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES**. Only service animals are allowed inside the school without advanced written permission of school administration.



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)
- Nikki Jones - Lunch and Recess Supervisor
- Tammy Baird - Recess Supervisor
- Jennifer Anderson - Recess Supervisor



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.



Earning Money for Hutton is Easy!

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

It's as easy as scanning your receipts!

District News

JOIN US FOR A



Which projects should be included on Spokane Public Schools' next bond?

SPS has created a [ThoughtExchange](#) for the board to gather input on two options for the 2023 bond. Parents, please consider this opportunity to share your thoughts about the 2023 bond.

- Mark Anderson

events in interscholastic high school athletics, music, dance/drill teams and forensics. Participation in GSL events helps students learn time management, communication, advocacy, sportsmanship and teamwork skills that shape and mold better citizens. [Click here](#) for information on game passes and more.



Did you register your child for Hooptown Basketball? [Click here](#) for more information.

One Spokane Stadium will celebrate its ribbon cutting on Sept. 26 at 11 a.m., the unveiling of Joe Albi Way and Plaza on Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m., and will host a community open house on Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Find more information on the SPS website and through the [Spokane Public Facilities District](#).



SPOKANE PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

AUGUST

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
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SEPTEMBER

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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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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 Make Up Day

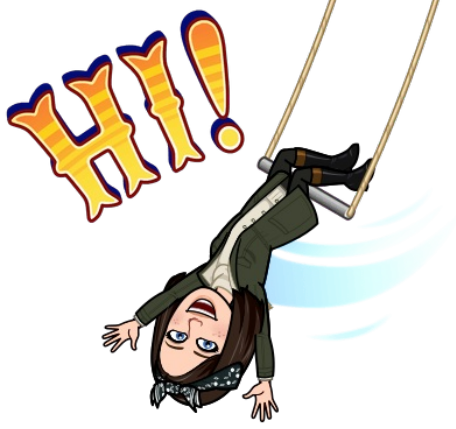
2023-2024 SPS Calendar



Counselor's Corner

From Mrs. Snider

Want to be "in the know" about the happenings at Hutton? Check out my Counselor's Corner. I will have all the *things* about SEL, what is happening in the classroom with my lessons, school-wide activities, ideas for home and more.



The PTG Scoop



HUTTON HAWKS

WHAT IS THE PTG?

Congrats, you're in! Every parent, guardian, teacher, and administrator is a member of the PTG. Our purpose is to support Hutton through volunteer and financial support, offer fun and educational experiences, and foster closer relationships among students, families, and teachers.

2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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***Hutton PTG meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM. You can join us in person in the library or via zoom!**

2023-2024 Parent Teacher Group Activities & Event Calendar

AUGUST

21: Kindergarten Round Up
31: Day 1 Launch Conferences

SEPTEMBER

1: Day 2 Launch Conferences
5: First Day of School, Grades 1-5
6: First Day of Kindergarten, A/B Rotation
12: Kindergarten Parent Welcome Coffee
26: Hutton Social, 5:00-6:30
PTG Meeting, 6:30-7:30, Library/Zoom

FEBRUARY

5: After School Arts (Runs 6 weeks)
14: Teacher Appreciation Coffee Truck

MARCH

Yearbook Sales

APRIL

8: Green Club (Runs 4 weeks)

MAY

6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
17: Spring Fling

JUNE

4: Hawk Walk
10-14: Yearbook Distribution
14: 5th Grade Grand Celebration

OCTOBER

*Kick off Junior Achievement
9-27: Student Mini Grants
18: World Languages (Runs 6 weeks. Grades 1-5)
27: Monster Mash

NOVEMBER

17: Harvest Parties
27: Book Fair (11/27-12/1)

DECEMBER

4-9: Missoula Children's Theater

JANUARY

8: Inland Chess Club (Runs 8 weeks)
22: Staff Appreciation Lunch
24: Books and Bingo

Dates are subject to change. Additional school district activities will also be available.

For more information on PTG events, please follow us on Instagram and use the QR code to sign up for our emails!



Hutton PTG



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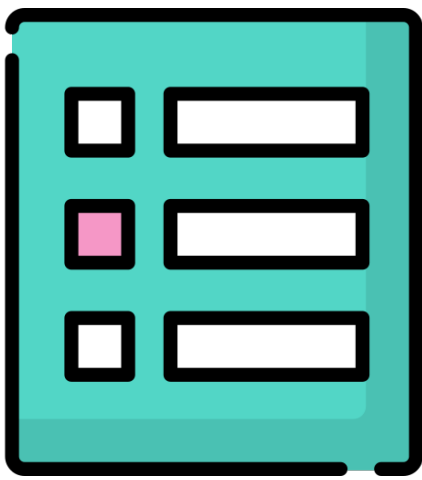
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Welcome Back Hutton families!

The Hutton PTG invites you to join us for the Back to School Social on September 26, 2023, for an evening of fun! Bring your lawn chairs/blankets and hang out on the lawn from 5-6:30pm. Pack a picnic or support the following food trucks: Hot dogs by Chef Wyatt Campbell, Quesadillas from Good 'Dilla, and Boba from Teas Company Spokane. Make sure you grab your free ice cream or popsicle from the multipurpose room! The first PTG meeting of the year will follow from 6:30-7:30 in the library or via zoom. Interested in volunteering to help the event run smoothly? Sign up [here!](#)



Hutton Family Directory

It's that time of year to sign up for the [Hutton Directory](#)! Each year, Hutton creates a directory of student and family information that is emailed out to families. This is a great resource for coordinating playdates, birthday parties, or connecting with new friends. Participation is optional, but if you'd like your information to be included in the 2023-24 Hutton Directory, please follow the link and complete by October 13th.

Mini Grants

Our Student Mini Grant Program is coming **October 2nd**! Mini Grants is a chance for students to submit ideas for programs, supplies, and activities that will help their class and school. The PTG will fund these ideas up to \$250 if selected! Be on the lookout in the next Hawk Headlines. *Please note this is a change from the calendar dates for Mini Grants previously released.



Kindergarten Parent Welcome

Earlier this week, we hosted our first Kindergarten Parent Welcome Coffee. It was so wonderful to meet new and old Hutton families and have a chance to visit. Our first PTG meeting on the 26th will include updates on World Languages and the Monster Mash. Make sure [you've signed up to receive PTG emails](#) so you stay in the know!

Hutton PTG
Website

Hutton PTG on
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Hutton PTG
Meeting
Zoom Link

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