



# HAWK TALK

## Upcoming Dates

Clinical Aide Appreciation day Make-up Picture Day	November 1st
Daylight Savings Time	November 3rd
Salute to Veterans	November 4th
Veterans Day —No school	November 11th
Education Support Professionals' Day	November 13th
Student Reward Day	November 20th
Thanksgiving Break	November 27th—29th



## Principal's Corner

By Lea

Dear Huffaker Families,

It has been great to see such high numbers of families on campus at Huffaker. Family involvement speaks volume towards the success of your student. Your dedication to your child's success makes our community top-notch and our students high achieving. Thank you to all the families who were able to either attend the parent-teacher conference in person or over the phone. Our goal is always to reach 100% attendance and your efforts towards helping us achieve this is appreciated!

Safety is of the up-most importance and we would like to thank you for following the procedures of our single-point of entry. Ensuring the safety of all our students starts with knowing who is at Huffaker. When entering campus, please touch base with either Michelle or Terri to sign-in and receive a visitor's badge. This allows our staff to know all volunteers and visitors have checked in with the office. Please do not enter the school until you have been buzzed in. It's important to not entices a student to open the door for you.

Thank you for supporting Jog-a-thon,

The Nevada Museum of Art's fieldtrip, Book Fair, Pictures, Conferences and Harvest Festival! These events and more are in your family calendar that was given at Parent Conferences. It was fun for me to create a family calendar for you this year. Some events are subject to change, but the Hawk Talk will always have the most up-to-date information.

## Salute to Veterans

By Lanea Warren

We all know someone that has served in the military, all branches treated as equals. Those are close to home and others are within it. How important it is to pay our respects and teach our children so, as well. Now is our chance as the Huffaker Hawks to recognize all that have served our country; the great United State of America! On Monday, November 4th students shall raise a flag and salute those who have lost their lives and risked themselves for our country and its' independence. By celebrating the day with special guests over a breakfast feast, the Huffaker Hawks, led by Mrs. Schweppe, will ring in another Veterans Day through the Second Annual Salute to our Veterans.

Decorations of the American Flag and other relics of the USA will line the cafeteria and the halls of the school. Students are welcome to dress in Red, White, and Blue to show their spirit.

# Harvest Festival

By Ryanne Walther

The air is crisp and the leaves have changed. That means only one thing: the Harvest Festival is coming.

Join us on October 30, 2019 3pm to 6:30pm at Huffaker Elementary to enjoy food, fun and costumes. We will have our silent auction that will feature amazing baskets such as 4 tickets to the UNR vs UNM game, wine tasting class for 20 friends at total wines, learning express, a week in Tahoe rental and more! You can purchase the unlimited games wristband for \$30! Just look in your child's backpack for the flier. We are still accepting sponsorships and volunteers for the event. 100% of the money raised will go directly back to our students.

If you have questions please contact Ryanne Walther at [ryannevalance@gmail.com](mailto:ryannevalance@gmail.com)

## Counseling Corner

November guidance lessons are focused on being knowledgeable. It's important to know the right thing to do and when to do it. Tis the season for gratitude, kindness, and compassion. Here are a few suggestions to help your child learn those skills.

1. Model the behavior you would like to see. Kids learn by watching the little things we do.
2. Listen. If we want our kids to be great listeners, make sure you are a great listener.
3. Use kind words and a kind tone. When kids are kind remind them that they are a kind person.
4. Emphasize the importance of being kind by discussing the importance of being kind.
5. Practice gratitude. Grateful kids are more likely to be kind and happy.
6. Discuss acts of kindness that each of you saw during the day.
7. Have your child write one planned thank you note a week.
8. Find a chance to help neighbors with projects.
9. Participate in service activities with your kids.
10. At bedtime, discuss what you and your child is thankful for and what was their favorite part of their day.

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Consider Up to Us our school directory. We no longer have a printed directory. If you'd like to connect with other families in our school community, see a calendar of school events and receive reminders, as well as get digital notifications about volunteer opportunities, please join Up to US! Click the "Find Your Community" button, Click "Join Up to Us", Create your profile, On the Community Search page, under Key- word Search, type Huffaker, and click "Search Now", Click: "Join" next to the Huffaker Elementary School PTA with contact name Allison Isaia Email: [huffakerhawksPTA@gmail.com](mailto:huffakerhawksPTA@gmail.com) Facebook : [www.facebook.com/Huffakerhawks](http://www.facebook.com/Huffakerhawks)

## Volunteers

By Angie & Lanea

With the new year just a few months away, we have a few opportunities for volunteers to get involved and help our school! Aside from Huffaker's bimonthly PTA meeting, we invite you to spend time volunteering in these unique new positions:

### Crosswalk Duty

Two quick shifts each day, Monday through Friday in the morning from 9:10am to 9:30am and again in the afternoon from 3:30pm to 3:40pm.

### Photographer

We're always looking for photographers to provide a new camera angle and pics at each of our events. Can we count on you? Adding them to share with the Huffaker Community on UpToUs is a BONUS!

Interested? Email us at [Huffakerhawkspta@gmail.com](mailto:Huffakerhawkspta@gmail.com)

## Safety

By Chief Jason Trevino WCSD Police Dept.

All of us at the Washoe County School District are concerned about student safety while walking to and from school and waiting for school buses. So far this school year, we have experienced a number of traffic incidents involving students. We are asking for drivers to be more attentive all around our community, and especially near schools where students are gathering. SLOW DOWN—especially when your visibility is compromised by weather and time of day. Students, we remind you that it's imperative that you pay attention to your surroundings. Don't be distracted by looking at your phone or using ear-buds. It's important that you use crosswalks where possible, and always make eye contact with drivers of oncoming cars before you step into the street. Don't walk, wait, or gather in the street. We want all of our students and staff members to travel to and from school safely. Remember—safety is everyone's responsibility.