

Epworth – Hawkins Partnership E-Newsletter



March 2023



Message from Pat Holmberg, Team Leader

Greetings, Hawkins volunteers. It has been over a year since our last newsletter so I am pleased to introduce our new editor Cindi Bishop. She is a member of the leadership team, a tutor, and provides monthly treats for the Hawkins staff. At a minimum you will receive three newsletters during the school year. Hawkins STEMM is having a great year under the leadership of our new principal Veda Winfield. I can't thank you enough for all your volunteer time and talents. We will celebrate your work in May, watch for your invitation to this year's Volunteer Recognition.

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Tutor Evaluations:

In mid-January, tutor evaluation forms were delivered to all teachers with students assigned to tutors in their classrooms. That consisted of 10 members of the faculty representing all grades from Kindergarten through the 8th grade. The teachers received a form for each student in tutoring along with instructions. Responses were received from all 10 faculty members and, in every case, the comments were exemplary. Even when the improvements in academic performance or in social/emotional behavior were designated as “fair”, the teachers had nothing but compliments for the tutors and their efforts in working with their students. In numerous cases, they reported how much the students enjoyed working with their tutor. Overall, the evaluations were very encouraging and serve as great support for continuing and expanding this program to involve more teachers and more students.

Barb Machin, Volunteer Recruitment and Tutor Assignments

Epworth-Hawkins Partnership Leadership Team

Retreat:

The Epworth-Hawkins Partnership leadership team gathers at the end of the school year to review the past year and plan for the next school year. As spring approaches, team members are preparing for this annual retreat. In addition to team leader Pat Holmberg, members include Lynn Bachelor, Kay Bennett, Cindi Bishop and Barb Machin. At the retreat we will take time to reflect on the successes and challenges of the 2022-2023 school year, examine feedback we have received from teachers, tutors and other volunteers, and prepare a detailed schedule of activities and programs for 2023-2024. If you have ideas or suggestions that you would like the team to consider, please contact any leadership team member.

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Book Initiatives:

Being a library volunteer is a great way to meet and support Hawkins students from all grades; plus it's a lot of fun! Currently, three volunteers (Sue DiSalle, Lynn Bachelor, Kay Bennett) enjoy assisting Tim Loge, Toledo Public Schools Library Media Specialist, in staffing the Hawkins STEMM Academy Library. The library is open Mondays and Wednesdays every other week during the school year. Library volunteer activities include: checking in and out books, assisting students as they select books, and, best of all, reading stories to the first and second grade classes.

Additional library volunteers are needed, so if you would like to help in the school library, please contact Kay Bennett at jakbennett@bex.net or Lynn Bachelor at lynn.bachelor@gmail.com.

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Hawkins Staff Recognition:

The Epworth Team continues to furnish monthly treats to the staff at Hawkins STEMM Academy. The second Wednesday of each month is always a welcome day for the staff. Treats are a surprise each month with a variety of individually bagged cookies, packaged snacks, or a favorite, Costco muffins. February was treats from local Cookie Lady cookies.

Cindi Bishop, Staff and Volunteer Appreciation

Hawkins STEMM Academy Newsletter:

The staff of Hawkins STEMM Academy prepare a monthly Newsletter called "Hawkins Herald" which can be found at the Hawkins STEMM Academy's website, hawkinsstemmacademy.tps.org.

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Hawkins Information on Epworth's Website:

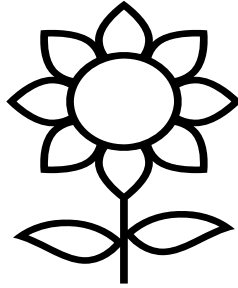
Here is the direct link to reach Hawkins STEMM Academy information on Epworth's website:

www.epworth.com/hawkinspartnership

Lynn Bachelor does an excellent job of keeping our Hawkins Website updated!
Please share this website with any friends that would like more information on being a Hawkins volunteer!!

Volunteer Contact Information:

If any of your contact information has changed (email, phone, address, etc.) please email your changes to Lynn Bachelor at: lynn.bachelor@gmail.com



We are looking forward to Spring activities at Hawkins STEMM Academy!

Hawkins-Epworth Leadership Team:

Pat Holmberg, Team Leader

Lynn Bachelor, Database Collection and Reports, Communications

Kay Bennett, Book Initiatives

Cindi Bishop, Staff and Volunteer Appreciation

Barb Machin, Volunteer Recruitment and Tutor Assignments