# Welcome to Highcrest!

MASCOT: THE HAWK

COLORS: BLUE AND GOLD

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## One Campus. Connected Community.

#### One Campus:

- Leadership model
- Consistency in supportive programs
- Consistency in practices (placement, communication, etc.)
- Articulation between grade levels

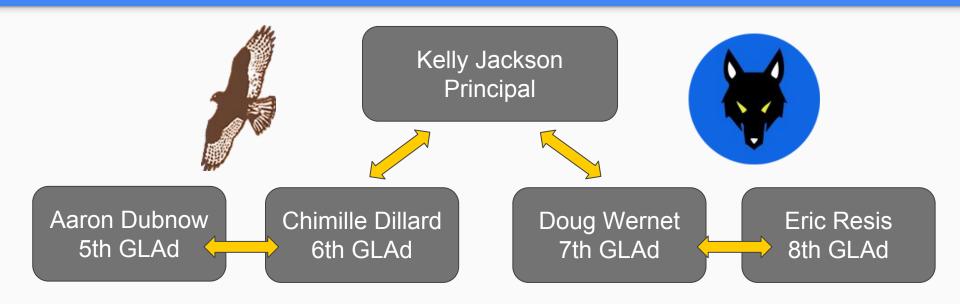
#### Connected Community:

- Communication between grade levels and departments
- Cross-campus clubs, athletics, and activities
- Cross-grade activities
- Kindness, mindfulness, empathy





# Leadership Structure



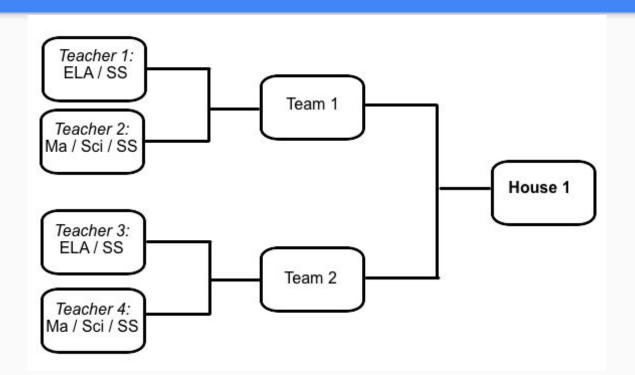
GLAd = Grade Level Administrator

## HMS Quick Facts



- All students have ONE homeroom teacher
- FOUR homerooms in a "house"
  - Core Academic Team
  - Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS)
- Nine 40-minute class periods
  - 5 Core Academics (Reading/Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies)
  - Physical Education
  - Related Arts (Music, Drama, Creative Communication, Art)
  - World Language or Academic Strategies
- Lunch/Recess (with only 5th graders)

## Making a big school seem small



### **Sample Schedules**

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ZERO	Band/Orchestra Chorus	
Periods	Homeroom/Teacher 1	Homeroom/Teacher 1
1	Social Studies	Social Studies
2	Related Arts	Related Arts
3	Math	ELA/Reading
4	Science	ELA/Writing
5	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
6	Physical Education	Physical Education
7	World Language	World Language
8	ELA/Reading	Math
9	ELA/Writing	Science

## Communication

#### **Administration:**

- Highcrest Headlines
- Text Messages
- HMS website
- Facebook
  - Highcrest MS/Wilmette JH
- Twitter
  - o @HawkWolf39
- Email or call anytime
- In person meetings

#### **Teachers:**

- Weekly or bi-weekly email (HR)
- Frequent progress reports/Friday folders
- Schoology Page / Online Calendar
- Email or call anytime
- In person meetings
- Conferences
- Curriculum Night

### **Tools For School**

#### **iPads**

- All fifth graders
- Schoology: Learning Management System
- Distributed in first weeks of school

#### **Executive Functioning Binders**

- Color-coded folders
- RUSH training/lessons in HR

#### **School Supply Lists**

**Assignment Notebook** 

Lockers



## **Transition Events**

- World Language Selection (February)
- 4th/5th grade teacher observations (March)
- Parent Input forms (April)
- 4th Grade Classroom Buddies (May)
- Schoology experiences in 4th grade classrooms (May)
- Schedules: Mid-August (August 21)
- 5th Grade Orientation: Tuesday, August 29
- First day of school: Tuesday, September 5
- 5th Grade Curriculum night: Thursday, September 7
- Cafeteria with homeroom: Connect! (beginning of the year)
- AND MORE IN THE FIRST WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!



## **Opportunities for Students**

- Band/Orchestra/Chorus
  - Before School 2-3 days a week (concerts throughout the year)
- PTO Clubs
  - Student Council, Service Over Self, Chess, Minecraft, Volleyball, Art
- Science Olympiad
- Youth Connection Programs
  - RAD (after school program)
  - Homework Club
  - Theatre opportunities
- Sports
  - Cross Country, Wrestling, Track and Field



### Campus - Wide Supportive Programs

- Executive Functioning system
- Homework Assistance (HWA)
- Learner Qualities (LQ) class
- Response to Intervention (RtI) classes
- Student Accountability System
  - Common School-Wide Expectations
    - Safe, Responsible, Respectful
  - Merits (Hawk Feathers)
  - Demerits
- School-Wide Behavior Team (SWBT)
- Student SWBT
- Student Handbook

	Hallways	Cafeteria	Playground	Morning
Safe	*Always walk.  *Stay on the right side of the hallway and stairs.  *Keep hands and bodies to yourself.  *Store materials neatly and out of the way. Use storage where provided.	*Always walk.  *Stay in your seat  *Keep hands and bodies to yourself.  *Wait patiently in line.	*Use playground equipment as expected.  *Keep hands and bodies to yourself.  *Snow stays on the ground.  *Stay within the playground boundaries.	*Stay in assigned area.  *Allow room for others to walk by.  *Keep hands, belongings, and bodies to yourself.  *If dropped off before 8:15, stay in lobby.
Responsible	*Close and lock your locker.  *Use most direct route to be on time.  *Pick up after yourself and others  *Be aware of what is going on around you.	*Clean up after yourself and others.  *Eat and dispose of food properly.  *Remain seated until dismissed.  *Use the correct dish, trash, and compost receptacles.	*Return borrowed equipment when finished.  *Keep equipment on the playground only.  *Alert an adult if help is needed.  *If you brought it outside, bring it back in.	*Pick up after yourself and others.  *Make good choices with electronic devices.
Respectful	* Use expected language.  * Use indoor voices.  *Keep objects, hands, and feet to yourself.	*Listen quietly when announcements are made or directions are given.  *Practice good table manners.  *Only touch your own food.  *Share space at tables with those needing a seat.	*Include others in your games.  * Use expected language.  *Keep objects, hands, and feet to yourself.  *If asked to stop, STOP.	* Use expected language.  * Use indoo  *Keep of and feet hilf.

### Making the Transition GREAT for your child

- Orientation!
  - Restructure for 2017
  - Sixth grade buddies/mentor students
- Make connections to the school
  - GLAd meet and greet
  - GLAd coffees/hot topics discussions
- Homeroom activities
  - Create new friendships
  - Learn about the school
  - Learn about the teachers
  - First HW assignment = practice your lock
- Motivational Assembly: "Yes YOU Can"
- Fifth Grade Connections





### **Opportunities for Parents (HMS PTO)**

#### What is our Purpose?

- Organize and finance student enrichment: Field trips, Assembly Speakers, Outdoor Garden Classroom
- Events for students and parents: Make a Difference Day, 5th Grade Connection/Field Day, Freaky Friday, Variety Show, Luau Madness, Book Fair, Parents Night Out, Tech Talks
- Partner with school to enhance student environment: After School Clubs, Student of Month Breakfast, Junior Great Books, Literary Magazine, Service over Self (SOS) Club, Birthday Books
- Communicate important events to our parents: Highcrest Headlines from Admin

VISIT THE HMS PTO WEBSITE AT: www.highcrestpto.org

### **Highcrest PTO**

#### **How Can You Become Involved?**

- Volunteer: Room Parent, Cafeteria, Outdoor Classroom, School Store, Junior Great Books, Picture Day, Hanging Art
  - SIGN UP on general volunteer list NOW!
  - BE ON LOOKOUT for opportunities to come up throughout the year!
- **IGNITE**: Donate to support student enrichment opportunities (not paid for by school or district)
- Attend PTO Meetings (4 per year): hear the latest from the Principal, PTO Presidents and Chairs, Guest Speakers, and learn about current and upcoming events at HMS

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# **Questions?**



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