

## HAWK-ISMS

1. **Birthday Treats**- Birthday treats must be store bought. Students can bring treats for the class and distribute them at recess.
2. **Book Fairs**- Book Fairs happen twice a year. You may send your child with money or add to their e-wallet.
3. **Closed Campus**- During state testing days (STAAR) the campus will be closed to all visitors who are not DISD staff.
4. **Clubs**- Hexter has many clubs that students can participate in. Some are exclusive to certain grade levels. A list of clubs and their sponsors will come out in a separate communication.
5. **College T-Shirt Day**- Students may wear a college T- Shirt Every Thursday with uniform bottoms.
6. **Dad's Club and Mom's Club**- The parent community of Hexter likes to gather for social events and volunteer opportunities. These clubs have been formed to encourage community among our families.
7. **Fashion Friday**- Fashion Friday happens once a month. This is a 5th Grade fundraiser that helps pay for Science Camp
8. **FreshSchools**- This is the communication system that is used school wide. When teachers email, they will usually do so through FreshSchools. You may also contact other families through this system by entering their child's name.
9. **Friends of Hexter Facebook Page**- If you are on Facebook, please follow this page to receive important updates and communication.
10. **Hawk of the Month**- Each month, teachers choose one student to be "Hawk of the Month". The reason that a child is chosen is left up to the teacher's discretion. A photo and write up is displayed in the hallway and Hawks of the Month are recognized at that month's PTA meeting.
11. **Hexter Howl**- This is a Fall Carnival fundraiser that takes place at Hexter. Students come dressed in their costumes and play games inside and outside of the building. Tickets must be purchased to play games, buy food, and enjoy any of the other activities.
12. **Instagram Page**- If you are not a FaceBook User, you can also keep up with important updates on Hexter's Instagram Page which is called **Victorhexterelementary**
13. **KayCee Pool Party**- This is a back to school swimming party at the Knights of Columbus Pool. On this day, Hexter families are invited to enjoy the pool for free. Be sure that you are signed up in FreshSchools so that we can verify that you are a Hexter family.
14. **Lunch with Loved Ones**- Students can have one visitor come and eat lunch with them on a designated day. This occurs once per quarter. Please RSVP so that the office can follow the required safety precautions.
15. **i-Ready Testing**- This is a test to measure academic progress. It is taken 3 times per year. The first one is given in the fall. The mid year assessment is given at the beginning of the 2nd semester. The End of Year test is given in May.

16. **Orchestra**- Orchestra is a class that is offered to 3rd through 5th grade students. Students who are in orchestra will go to this class instead of Music during Specials.
17. **Parent Teacher Conferences**- Conferences take place twice a year. The days will be communicated by your child's homeroom teacher. Teachers will hold conferences on the DISD designated nights but will often add days to give families specific time slots.
18. **PowerSchool**- This is a Dallas ISD system that parents and students can assess with a code that you can get from our Data Controller, Ms. Calderon. Through this system, you can see your child's grades in real time. You can also set up alerts that will inform you when grades are entered.
19. **PTA**- The Parent Teacher Association works to provide students with enrichment opportunities through programs and also raises money with several fundraisers throughout the year.
20. **Room Parents**- Each class will have 1 or 2 Room parents. These parents will send communication about events such as class parties and volunteer opportunities.
21. **Science Camp**- Each year 5th Graders attend science camp. 5th graders participate in fundraising for their trip.
22. **Secret Apple Pal (SAP)**- Families are asked to choose a staff member and become their Secret Apple Pal. The family will give gifts to the staff member throughout the year and reveal themselves at the end of the year.
23. **Silent Auction**- The Silent Auction takes place once a year. It is an adult only fundraiser that happens on an evening in the spring semester at an off campus venue.
24. **Spirit Shirt Day**- Students may wear a Hexter Shirt every Friday with uniform bottoms.
25. **Studio Bella (Explorers)**- This is an on-campus after school program that is run by an outside company. This program fills up even before school begins in the fall so be sure to reserve your spot early.
26. **TAG (GT)**- The Gift and Talented Program is run by Mr. Garrida-Juanto. Students have to qualify for this program through a test along with parent and teacher recommendations. You may nominate your child for testing in the fall semester.
27. **Tuesday Folders**- Please look though your child's Tuesday folder. In it, you will find important communication in the form of flyers and graded papers. Sometimes papers need to be signed and returned.
28. **Voly**- Voly is the district wide system that is used as a background screener. Every parent that is in contact with students must be cleared through Voly yearly. You may register though <https://dallasisd.voly.org/>.
29. **White Rock Home Tour**- This is Hexter's most lucrative fundraiser. Local homeowners open their mid century modern homes to us and people in the community purchase tickets to tour them. Volunteer docents are needed at each home.