

# Hirsch Hawk Herald Parent Edition

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## Parent Expectations

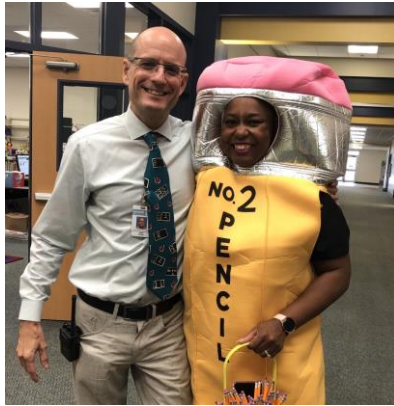
1. Ensure your child is at school each day
2. Ensure your child is prepared for school each day
3. Stay actively involved in your child's education

## Hirsch Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower students to think, create, discover, problem solve, and to be their personal best now and in the future.

## Hirsch Vision Statement

Hirsch Elementary will be known for creating and nurturing a culture of learning in order to produce innovative citizens of our global community.



## Welcome back to a fabulous school year!

We hope you enjoyed your summer vacation with your children.  
We can't wait to see everything the new school year brings!



## Dual Language at Hirsch Elementary

Our Dual Language program at Hirsch Elementary has expanded! We now have two kindergarten classes and two first grade classes. We are one of only three schools in Spring ISD with a dual language program. Dual Language students are learning in both English and Spanish to become bilingual, biliterate, bicultural.



## Welcome to Hirsch!!!

My name is Mr. Richard Smith and the new S.T.E.M. Teacher here at Hirsch Elementary. S.T.E.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In my class your students will explore and learn more about computers, technology and discover new ideas they never knew before. We will discuss Internet Safety and what it means to be a good "DIGITAL CITIZEN", while integrating their other core subjects into our lessons.

I hope to expand and broaden the minds of your students in my class this year. The goal is for them to learn something new and exciting and maybe be able to come home and teach you a thing or two as well.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year!  
Richard A. Smith  
Technology Teacher

## Volunteer of the Month



Jocelyn Rodarte  
Thank you for all you do!

## Upcoming Events

### Sept. 2

Labor Day HOLIDAY  
NO School

### Sept. 4

Recycle Rally  
3:45-6:00 p.m.  
Bring your recyclables sorted and counted!!!

### Sept. 5

P.T.O. General Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

### Sept. 9

Cub Scout Recruitment  
6:00 p.m.

### Sept. 9

Recycling Monday  
7:30-8:00 a.m.

### Sept. 12

Coffee with the Principal  
Annual Title I Parent Meeting  
8:30 a.m.

### Sept. 16

Recycling Monday  
7:30-8:00 a.m.

### Sept. 20

NO School  
Professional Development Day

### Sept. 23

NO School  
Professional Development Day

### Sept. 24

Open House  
5:30 p.m.

### Sept. 30

Recycling Monday  
7:30-8:00 a.m.

**\*Any changes will be communicated via note.**

## Ready Reminders

- ✓ Breakfast ends @ 8:10 a.m.
- ✓ Tardy bell rings @ 8:10 a.m.

**Be positive, patient and progressive!**



## Nurse's Corner:

Please put extra clothing in your child's backpack. We have incidents and accidents in all grade levels. Turn in all medication and required forms if your child will be taking medication at school. If you have updated immunization

records please turn them in.

## Morning Drop Off

Morning drop off begins at 7:30 a.m. Students can be dropped off at the front doors or at the side doors by the teacher parking lot. Morning drop off is **NOT** grade specific.

## Hirsch Elementary Recycle Rally



We will continue recycling at Hirsch Elementary this school year. The more we recycle, the more money we can earn for our school. With the funds we have earned, we have been able to update our hand dryers, install outdoor LED lighting, classroom motion sensors, and water fountains with refillable water bottle stations. Join us every Monday morning for Recycling Mondays.

We accept plastic containers marked #1PET/PETE or #2HDPE. We also accept non-alcoholic aluminum cans. **All recyclables must be sorted and counted for students to receive credit.** Students recycling 3,000 containers or more will be named Recycling Champions and receive a recycling medal. The top ten Recycling Champions for the school year will receive trophies at the end of year recycling celebration. Follow us on Facebook at Hirsch Elementary Recycle Rally to learn more about our program.



## We need you!

Do you want to make a difference at Hirsch Elementary? Then partner with us a volunteer. If you have **NOT** completed the volunteer background check please

complete at the following link [www.springisd.org/volunteer](http://www.springisd.org/volunteer) . Once you are cleared contact your child's teacher and let him/her know you're ready to lend a hand. If you need assistance or have any questions about the process please contact Mrs. Ramirez at [aramirez@springisd.org](mailto:aramirez@springisd.org).

## Business Partners

Do you know of a business partner that can support activities at Hirsch? Email Mrs. Ramirez with their contact information at [aramirez@springisd.org](mailto:aramirez@springisd.org). Business partners will be recognized in our monthly newsletter and school website.

## Principal's Tidbits

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to a new school year at Hirsch! This year, we are starting 15 minutes later at 8:10 and dismissal is at 3:30. Our doors open at 7:30 so please don't drop students off before 7:30.

We will have a PTO meeting at 5:30 on Thursday, September 5th. On Thursday, September 12 at 8:30, I will host a meeting to discuss our school's accountability rating and our Title 1 funding. I hope you can attend. Our Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30.

We will have other activities coming up in October that I will let you know about next month. Remember, you can check us out on Facebook for updates as well.

**Students Win When We Work as a Team!**

**Be positive, patient and progressive!**



## BOX TOP Collection continues this year!

Send in your Box Tops! Make sure your Box Tops are valid. Please label the baggie with the student's first and last name, teacher's name and grade. Thank you for supporting Box Tops collection this year. Each Box Top adds up quickly.



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

Every little bit helps.



**We need you DADS!**

If you are interested in joining Watch D.O.G.S. you must complete a background check first. Please contact Mrs. Ramirez at [aramirez@springisd.org](mailto:aramirez@springisd.org) for more information.