



LORAIN CITY SCHOOLS

Hawthorne Elementary School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Hawthorne Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! Education is a focus of our life's work. It is a task that is never complete, and always a challenge. Education is a shared task that is done in partnership with parents and their scholar, schools and their communities. If Hawthorne travels on the road to success it will be because the community, parents, scholars, and staff have worked together to provide a quality education and caring environment. I believe that all of us make a contribution to the processes that we call education. I would like to welcome the new administrative team here at Hawthorne ES which includes:

Turnaround Principal:

Stephanie M. Alexander-Johnson, affectionately called AJ, is a Sandusky native. Stephanie attended Bowling Green State University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science in Child and Family Community Services in 1997, a Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling in Mental Health in 1999 and a Master of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision in 2002. Currently, she is a doctoral candidate at Concordia University studying Experienced Educational Leadership with a concentration in culturally responsive curriculum and leadership.

AJ has been the principal of Hawthorne Elementary School for six years. In May 2016, Hawthorne Elementary received the Ohio Department of Education Momentum Award that recognizes schools that have received A's on every value-added measure included on Ohio's School Report Cards. In 2017, Stephanie and her staff were able to close the achievement gap between special education scholars and regular education scholars with a grade of a B and to receive three indicators for 4th grade in reading, math and social studies with scores above 80 %. She has held national, state and local positions for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) where she is a National Trainer for Branches, speaker and past National Youth Work Committee Adult Representative for Region III, Member of Lorain County Negro Business Professional Women's Club, Immediate Past President of Lorain County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, and Past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star Lakeview Chapter #65.

Dean of Academics:

Ivy Dodd was born in Elyria, Ohio but grew up in Lorain. She attended Durling, Vincent, Clearview, Whittier, Southview, Elyria High and finally graduating from Elyria West High School. After graduation, she joined the United States Army where she served her country for five year touring many countries such as Korea, Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, and Germany. Ivy moved to Florida and received her Bachelors of Education from Florida Atlantic University, and Masters in Organizational Leadership from Palm Beach Atlantic University. As a top educator, she is one of the states of Florida's Highest Impact Teachers. Only 714 Educators in Palm Beach County, in the State of Florida, have received this award. As an educator that values excellence in education, 85% of the student enter into choice programs, take the honors or advance placement classes. Such goals consist of building relationships with partner schools to create an (International Baccalaureate) IB continuum from PYP to MYP to DP, hiring exceptional employees, training and mentoring new teachers to support school initiatives, and developing rigorous instructional practices that guarantee student academic growth and proficiency.



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Dean of Scholar & Family Engagement:

Paul M. Williams in his 15th year as an Educator, has earned a Master of Educational Administration, Superintendent Licensure, Principal Licensure, Teacher Licensure, and a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Social Studies Education from Bowling Green State University. Before transitioning to the Principal role, He served as a Social Studies Teacher at Elyria High School, Langston Middle School (Oberlin) and Lorain Southview High School, Assistant Principal at Lorain Admiral King High School, Success for All Facilitator Administrator at Frank Jacinto Elementary and the Academic Enrichment Academy Gr. 1-8 and Credit Recovery Academy Gr. 9-12, meeting the goal of increasing student proficiency on State exams by 5%. You can see and hear him playing the organ every Sunday Morning at the Cathedral of Praise, Lorain, OH.

With this administrative team and outstanding staff your scholar will receive the best education when we work as a team. It's a parents enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires scholar to do their best; and a teacher's ability to teach what they need to learn. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our scholar can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, your scholar needs support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your scholar's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for your scholar's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. Together we can achieve wonderful things. Everyday your child brings home a BEE folder, check it for homework, notes from the teacher and important school information. We ask that you guide and support your scholar learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.**
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers. Check power school for missing assignments.**
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.**
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.**
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.**
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college or have a career choice in mind.**

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our scholars can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

- 1) Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom,**
- 2) Reading with scholar who need extra help,**
- 3) School-wide events,**
- 4) Scholar recognition events, and**
- 5) Outreach and recruitment of parent and community volunteers.**



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There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers and friends to meet, new books to read, and new skills to master. I look forward to sharing in those exciting times. In closing, I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedule to become familiar with our school, as well as create a homework-friendly home environment that will allow your scholar to excel.

Thank you for your commitment to your scholar education and I look forward to working alongside you. Please email me at sjohnson@loraincsd.org or call me (440-830-4150).

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Alexander-Johnson



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Turnaround Principal & Dean Bios 2018-2019

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