



**Neil Hafley Hawks**  
**School Community News Letter**  
**August 17, 2009**

**Welcome Back! Thanks for a Great Opening!** Thanks to students, parents and staff, the first seven days of school have been exciting, adventurous and filled mostly with smiley faces. With the remodernization of the Jr. High classrooms, the library and school offices teachers and staff have had a very limited amount of time to move into their classrooms and offices. All worked tediously and have completed the move-in beautifully. You can see their efforts at back to school night. Neil Hafley School is full at almost all grade levels and is currently overflowing any newly enrolled students at most grade levels.

**Thank you** for taking the time to fill out all the required student forms, especially the emergency form. Keeping the student emergency card information current is extremely important. Please immediately notify us of any address changes, phone number changes and any emergency people being added or subtracted from the student emergency card. Also, we are gathering email addresses to help save paper costs and continue to effectively communicate with parents.

**Back to School Night and BBQ, Tuesday, August 25:** Please make plans to join us for the 2009-2010 Neil Hafley Back to School Night activities. The BBQ starts at 5:30p.m., followed by a school community gathering in the courtyard at 6:30p.m. Classrooms will be open for viewing immediately following the meeting. Parents of Jr. High students will meet altogether in the new gym/cafeteria at 6:45 p.m.

**2009-2010 Neil Hafley Annual Walk-Jog-A-Thon:** The Neil Hafley Walk-Jog-A-Thon will be held October 22nd this year. This is our super huge annual school-wide fundraiser. All the money raised makes its way back to the students to support their learning endeavors. The WJAT is a super opportunity for our fifth grade students to raise money for their educational trip to Science Camp in May. I would encourage all students and families to begin talking up the WJAT to family and friends. Our goal is to make this the most successful WJAT that the school has ever had. Thanks in advance for your support and participation.

**Minimum Day Schedule:** This year there are very few minimum days. We will notify you via phone message two days prior to the minimum days so you can make the necessary dismissal and child care arrangements.

**Dismissal Procedures:** Each year we strive to make the dismissal and the picking up of students as safe as possible. This year we are having day-care providers and individuals with handicap needs pick up their children in the new Multi-Purpose building parking lot. This lot is accessible from Hoyt Ave. For student safety, the parking lot in front of the school continues to remain closed for the dropping of and picking up of students. Student Safety remains a Top Priority. Thank you.

**School Site Council:** Get involved today! Run for a School Site Council position! Here is a great opportunity for you to learn about school programs and to have input into the ongoing planning of the educational program, on behalf of your children. Attached is a ballot along with some more information about parents and School Site Council. Please consider becoming a School Site Council member. We need and value your input!

**THANKS AGAIN FOR A GREAT BEGINNING TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**