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Come one, come all! A new playground at Hawthorn By Eagle's Post Staff

Students and staff enjoyed the newly upgraded playground. The new playground features bigger slides, a modern seesaw, a huge spider web, and so much more!

The inaugural playtime for teachers was September 8th after school. Teachers and staff enjoyed snacks and climbing on the playground to break it in for the students.

The following day students and staff were gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Among the student body and staff, were the Superintendent, Floyd Stensrud, and Mr. McNeill, one of the board members. Once the ribbon was cut, students swarmed the playground, laughing, climbing, and having fun. Maddox, Jesse, and Dexter (3rd grade) all exclaimed how much they love the new playground. They love the new spinning feature and giant seesaw.

Sophia (5th grade) said of the new playground, "I LOVE it!" Brailey (6th grade) said her favorite part was the seesaw.



You can bet that the new playground makes recess just that much more exciting.

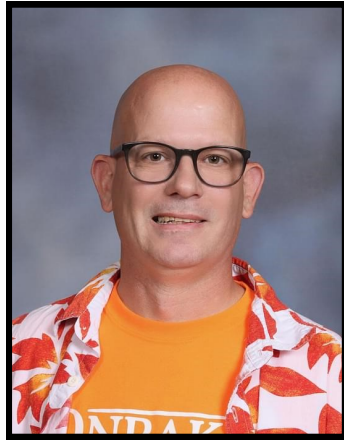


New Staff Interviews

Disclaimer: We know there are many wonderful new members of Hawthorn this year. We apologize that we didn't get to everyone. Stay tuned for next semester's edition. Thanks for all you do!

Mr. Woolf: From making coffee to shaping stu- dents' futures

By Kayla Walk-
and Veronika
Ramirez



Before becoming teacher, David Woolf worked at Starbucks for 12 years. After they started shutting down a bunch of stores, he realized his love of teaching. Before he joined the Hawthorn team, he was a fourth grade teacher and a vice principal. He now teaches fifth grade math and writing, and he started at Hawthorn Academy this year. The reason he applied for this job was for the house system, which he thinks helps build future leaders.

Mr. Woolf gave some insight on how to be a good teacher. He said, "Patience. Building relationships has to come above everything else." By taking time to understand each student's needs and personality, Mr. Woolf creates a safe and respectful learning environment where students feel motivated to try their best.

In his free time, Mr. Woolf enjoys adventuring, hiking, making crafts, and decorating. His creative crafts make his class exciting and a fun environment to learn in. In his class he made a huge spider and multiple pumpkins which are hanging from his ceiling.

His cozy classroom has decorations for the

spooky season. If you haven't seen his class, you should go check it out! He also has rug time with flexible seating where he teaches all of his main lessons. Mr. Woolf's class has a welcoming feeling, which also helps the students feel comfortable and ready to learn. His exciting way of teaching brings a new type of learning to the table: by giving students a choice on how they want to learn. His energy he has put forth is amazing and good for this school. Hawthorn is very excited to have him this year, and hopefully many more to come!

Chandra Radka, Hawthorn's new Special Education Director



By Simon Christensen
and Lucas Johnson

Chandra Radka has been working in the special education program for around 12 years now. She started back in 2014 where she worked at an elementary school here in

West Jordan. She went to school at the University of Phoenix and later at the University of Utah.

After working at the elementary school, she moved to Illinois and worked at a middle school for four years. A piece of advice she would give to herself or anyone else when they're starting a similar job to hers is, "I would probably say that, especially for special ed., it is ever changing and to know that you're going to make mistakes and that it's

a learning process.” Which is great advice for just about anything, not *just special ed*.

Not only is she a good special ed. director, she has many hobbies and interests. She has been to 26 out of the 50 states, and would like to go to Australia or Europe. On top of all that, she has a troublesome cat named Jambo. Hawthorn hopes she has a great first year here.

The fun, new technology teacher, Carl!

By Madelynn Wilkey and Evaline Dudley

Hawthorn Academy welcomed the new middle school computer science teacher, Carl Landskron. Students get to learn all about programming, how to use technology, and so much more. He teaches kids in all unique ways because he wants to connect with the students as one.



As Carl teaches his students, he wants to connect and make it fun for them to learn.

He states that, “At the end of the day, students just want to be kids. If the fun stuff truly teaches people, then why do the boring stuff?” He shows that with his outrageous teaching skills and lesson plans with his students. For example, he would start walking on desks, make a cake to explain an algorithm, and shoot through a hoop to

score once you get a question correct.

When Carl isn’t teaching, he does many things with his spare time. He does TEDTalks; one of them was him talking about dancing plants with his shoes off! He also likes to hike with his fellow co-worker, Ms. Hendricks. Hawthorn is so glad to have him as a teacher.

Mrs. Garcia: The journey to principal

By Elijah Hale and Timothy Jones



As a new Hawthorn Academy administrator, Mrs. Garcia brings diverse skills and experience to the school. Mrs. Garcia, a six-year Hawthorn staff member, is now the middle school principal. Accepting the job as principal, Mrs. Garcia looks forward to the 2025/2026 school year and many years to come.

Before she took the position of principal, Mrs. Garcia was the Curriculum Director for both West and South campuses, as well as an elementary teacher for six years prior. During her teaching years, she taught second grade and enjoyed helping other teachers around the school. She showed them skills like encouraging students to help each other and learn from one another. Becoming a principal really helps facilitate this collaborative learning approach. Now in her principal position, she helps the whole school by introducing new challenges and fostering positivity.

She has always wanted to earn a Ph.D. to teach college students because she wants to

help other adults. Outside of being principal, Mrs. Garcia can be found spending time with her family. She enjoys camping in Northern California, where she grew up, spending time outdoors and in the sun, and traveling to different countries.

Ms. Ashley: The kind teacher.

By Kaysen and Abby

As a new teacher in the Hawthorn Academy staff, Ms. Ashley is already one of the students' favorite teachers. She teaches kindergarten downstairs



and hopes to leave a good impression. This is her first year here and she wants to be the best teacher she can be and help her students learn and grow.

Ms. Ashley is from Salt Lake City and went to the University of Utah to study to be a teacher. Teaching wasn't her first choice for a career, However. For a while she wanted to be a pediatrician, but once she reached college, she decided she didn't really want to be in school forever. She also said that another reason she wanted to be a kindergarten teacher was because of her old kindergarten teacher! Ms. Ashley states that she hopes she can be as kind and funny as her old teacher!

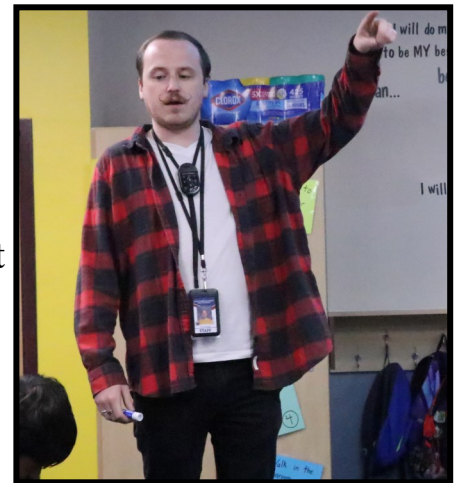
She first heard about this school from one of her other friends who works at the south campus. Her friend told her that she

loves the school and it's a great working environment. Ms. Ashley took her friend's advice and looked for a position at the school, eventually landing a job as a new kindergarten teacher. A lot of her students say she is kind and funny. One of her students said, "I love the way she teaches us." Ms. Ashley says that since she has kids of her own, it makes it easier to deal with younger kids. She loves her students and tries to make a connection with them so they feel safe in her class.

Mr. Finn: The traveling teacher

By Gavin Hayes and Ivan Sierra

Every year at Hawthorn Academy, teachers leave and teachers come. This year Hawthorn brought in someone special: Mr. Finn! Finn Howell is entering his first year ever as a teacher, and we are glad he could start his legacy here at Haw-



thorn. Our new third grade teacher comes from Utah State University and is excited to work with these new students and get to know everyone.

Mr. Finn is LOVING his first year teaching so far. He loves having the students participate and be involved in the activities that they are doing. Before Mr. Finn became a teacher though, he was a computer programmer! When he was in col-

lege, his role model was his professor, named Emma. She was very unbiased, and always helped him out when he didn't understand something. If he had a quote to give to everyone about his students, he says, "The kids make it easier to become the teacher I wish I had growing up." So now he engages his students in fun activities that will help them learn!

Mr. Finn has also lived in Chile for a year, then moved to Japan for 4 months. In Chile, he had to endure one of the hardest things to learn: a new language. Learning Spanish, Mr. Finn said, "I didn't have an option, I had to learn a new language if I wanted to communicate with others." He also speaks conversational Japanese. He said if he could go anywhere in the world, he would want to go to Spain or Portugal.

One thing that Mr. Finn really loves doing is listening to music. You will often find him with headphones on before or after school listening to his favorite artists, like Sleep Token and Hayley Williams. He has also played the piano since he was five years old. Something that people find very unique about Mr. Finn is his mustache. The twirls and twists of the hair make it one of the best characteristics about him!

A tip from Mrs. Pendleton

By Lynn Nguyen and Kaylie Mason

Mrs. Pendleton is the new 6th grade ELA teacher. Mrs Pendleton considers herself as a strict teacher, but she is a

very friendly person. She believes that having a both strict and kind atmosphere in the classroom can help her students be more successful.



Mrs Pendleton shared her tips to becoming a great teacher. She said, "Building a relationship with the students is an important part of being a teacher. Making your students respect you and showing that you're approachable will make it easier to teach." She has been a teacher for ten years now and it has been an excellent experience for her. She loves her students very much.

Aside from being such an amazing teacher, Mrs. Pendleton is a mother. She loves and cherishes her family very much. Even though her work takes up a lot of her time, she tries her best to make the time to spend with her family. Her hobbies consist of traveling and reading.

Mrs. Jaime Layden and her journey to Hawthorn

By Evaline Dudley and Madelynn Wilkey

In August of 2025, Hawthorn Academy welcomed a new member of its family: Mrs. Jaime Layden! Mrs. Layden is a new third grade helper. She goes around the

classrooms and helps the kids that need it. The students love her because is kind, funny, and so fun to be around.

Her life started in California with her adoptive parents and when she got older she moved to Utah.

She grew up not knowing she had ADHD and found out only recently that she did. She lives by the quote of, "I'm ok.. I just need a minute." Meaning that sometimes in life you need to take a breather before something happens. And if something does, take a moment to collect yourself. Before working at Hawthorn, she was helping take care of older folks that needed at-home care.

She is a very kind and caring person. She learned hard work at a young age. She grew up with her father as a sheep herder. She and Mr. Layden feel the most peaceful and the most at home in Mr. Layden's hometown in Canada. She has a very welcoming personality and loves to share her stories. Hawthorn is so glad to have her as a new helping hand!

From big time bands to a small school: Candido Abeyta

By Lucy Matthews

Candido Abeyta is the new middle school music teacher here at Hawthorn Academy. He has played for many big bands like the Neon Trees, I Don't Know How They Found Me (IDKHow), and many more. Now he spends his time teaching. His favorite class to teach currently is choir. His favorite part



about choir is all of the inside jokes they make.

He has taught at many schools before Hawthorn Academy, but he said, "It's the one school I've taught at that feels like a second home." He loves how everyone is supportive and great to work with each day. He said the students are awesome, fun to teach and to be around. His favorite part about teaching is when students have their lightbulb moment where they finally figure something out. It makes him feel like he is doing his job as an educator. He also admires the house system and loves how passionate everyone is for their house. He is very proud to be in house Amistad. He has noticed that everyone in Amistad has a similar personality and it makes it more fun to be part of it.

Candido went to the University of Utah and graduated with his bachelor's degree in music education as well as his master's degree in jazz performance and composition. The best part about the University of Utah for Candido was the friends and connections he made.

He is a professional musician who mainly plays the saxophone, but he can also play 15+ other

instruments. He loves being a professional musician because of the travel opportunities. He has been to Singapore, India, soon to Puerto Rico, and many more places in the US. He also loves being able to play with various artists. His favorite gig was playing at The Days Of 47' Arena with IDKHow, in May 2025.



Candido is a dad to two children: Cole who is seven and Amiyah who is four. He said, “Out of all my titles, music teacher, professional musician, etc, my favorite one is dad.” He said he always wanted to be a dad and he loves his kids to death. He loves doing fun activities like going to Round One Arcade with them. His favorite part of being a dad is making his kids laugh and being able to provide for them. Them being happy makes him happy.

Elementary eeks!

By Kayla Walker, Gavin Hayes, and Veronika Ramirez

Halloween is a very special holiday for the elementary kids here at Hawthorn Academy. They love to dress up, trick-or-treat, and play fun games! There was a Halloween costume parade, led by the Sanderson Sisters-Miss Tiff, Miss Lizzy, and Ms. Demke. Students got to show off their costumes to the middle school students, teachers, and parents. The number one costume trend was K-Pop Demon Hunters, with 49 people dressed up as the movie characters.



Elementary also had the chance to throw Halloween parties! Every grade was able to enjoy food, art, and other activities, all thanks to teachers and parent volunteers. Logan, in first grade, said he liked bingo and the play-dough game was his favorite. Bennett and Carter, in second grade, said they liked making Halloween bookmarks. Persephone and Alex, in sixth grade, said that their favorite game was balloon pop.



Throughout the day, the elementary students at Hawthorn Academy had a ton of fun participating in the Halloween activities. Students created exciting memories and truly got to experience the magic of Halloween.



Securely, a new Program

By Carter Glazier and Maddux Bracken

Last year, our school instated a new utility: Securely Flex and Securely Pass. They help when you don't want to deal with kids constantly asking, “Where am I supposed to go?” or “I need the bathroom”. Now all they need is their computer.

Securely Flex is an app that shows kids where they are assigned to for Study Hall. It makes everything clear by having colorful boxes that teachers can customize. It makes a teacher's job easier by calling students into the Study Hall for an intervention in certain classes. Recently, Language Arts, Math, and Science have taken the floor and are the most important interventions.

Securely Pass is an easy to use hall pass app that helps students go wherever they need to go when they need it. Teachers can make the pass green, meaning the student can use the pass, or deny it. This process makes it a lot easier for teachers to manage who goes where, and useful when students forget things in their locker, or need to go. The new applications this year make the school at least ten times better.

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Hawthorn boys soccer

By: Elijah Hale

The Hawthorn boys soccer team had an exceptional season, finishing with eight

wins and only one loss. On October 1, 2025, they defeated North Davis Prep 5-1. After the game, both teams were tied in the standings, so a coin flip determined the playoff seeding. Hawthorn won the coin toss, securing the first seed in the playoffs for the first time in school history.

As the top seed, the team faced Early Light Academy in the playoffs. After an intense match, Hawthorn won 5-2 and advanced to the FINALS!

On Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the boys



played North Davis Prep for the third time. The game began slowly, with both teams locked in a defensive stalemate. In the 15th minute, Anthony Mole broke the tension by scoring a spectacular goal in the top corner, putting Hawthorn ahead 1-0. North Davis quickly responded with two goals, taking a 2-1 lead.

In the final minute of regulation, Lincoln Anderson made a strategic pass over the top to Elijah Hale, who then set up Gavin Luckart for a crucial goal, sending the game into overtime. After a scoreless overtime period, the match went to a penalty shootout.

The penalty shootout was nerve-wracking, with Hawthorn missing 3 out of 5 shots and North Davis missing 2 out of 5. Despite the loss, the team proudly accepted second place and celebrated by parading through the school halls with the trophy.



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Bump, set, spike

By Madelynn Wilkey and Evaline Dudley

The girls volleyball team at Hawthorn Academy not only had some amazing wins and disappointing losses, they also learned how to bond as a team.

Their coaches, Ms. Jacquelyne Martin and Mr. Finn Howell helped the girls grow in volleyball and in life.

Coach Martin has done so much for her team. The loss against Early Light Academy was devastating, but Coach Martin said the girls played amazingly against the toughest team. Even though it was a close game, it was tough on the girls. The hardest part of coaching the girls, for Coach Martin, was getting them out of their own heads; not just with the hard work they put in at practice, but their mental state after a tough loss. Coach Martin always says to her team, "You got this. You're Amazing. You can do this!". And that just shows how she never gave up with her coach-



ing and continued to show up for her team.

Junior Varsity Captain Veronica Ramirez and Varsity Captain Marley Smith are two of the most important players, not just for their skill,

but the fact they can bring up their team from a

bad head space as well. They tried to help the girls learn to have fun

and be themselves and feel okay with making one mistake. This helped the team encourage each other when they could see a teammate get down on herself.



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Girls basketball: a good year comes to an end

By Veronika Ramirez

This year at Hawthorn, the girls basketball team has completed their season. They worked hard and did their best. JV did really well for many being their first year on the team.

They all had a good season. Most girls said they enjoyed their coaches, Coach Layden and Coach Ward. Lucy A. (grade 8) said the team meshed really well together. There was a lot of growth to be seen with brand-new students joining the team. Laura F. (grade 7) said they did alright.

Even though they didn't win the last game of the season, they did really well for having many new players on the team this

year. Congrats to the girls on the basketball team!



Sideways Stories from Wayside School

By Simon Christensen

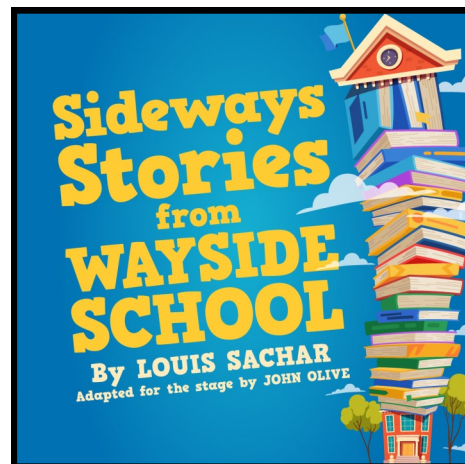
Hawthorn Academy does a play or a musical directed by Ms. January every year. This year the

play is Sideways Stories from Wayside School. Auditions were held on December 3rd, and callbacks on the 5th.

Many kids from fifth grade and above were excited to audition for the play. More than twenty kids showed up in the first ten minutes of auditions being open. I was one of the lucky few students that got called back for the second day of auditions to be considered for one of the main roles. This year's play is different from year's past because it's a small enough cast of people and so many people auditioned that there are two casts, with mostly different people in each. Roles like mine being the exceptions.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School is about the chaotic adventures of the students on the 30th floor of the school that was built on its side. It's based on a book series by the same name written by Louis Sachar. The chaos ranges from their more mild adventure of teaching a kid to not read upside down, to dealing with a kid that is just a rat in a dozen raincoats.

I and the rest of both casts are very excited to be part of the play this year. The play should be Saturday March 16, during the second semester. The two different casts will be performing at 12:00 and 2:00.



Veterans Day

by Lynn Nguyen and Kaylie Mason

Veterans Day is a global holiday, and while some countries may call it



by different names (Armistice Day, Remembrance Day), they all serve the same purpose: to honor those who have lost their lives while fighting for their country. Veterans Day takes place on Nov - 11, and was established in 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The President changed the name from armistice day to Veterans Day; but the first Veterans Day was celebrated in 1919.

A lot of things that you will see on Veterans Day will be the American flag, purple heart, the bald eagle, and my personal favorite: poppies. The red of the poppy petals symbolize the blood shed by soldiers in combat who served and died in war. The symbol originates from the poem "In Flanders Fields" which shows a scene of poppies in the war-torn fields of world war one.

Some traditions that people will do to commemorate this holiday are attending parades and ceremonies, honoring veterans through acts of service, and participating in official observances like the national moment of silence, or the wreath laying ceremony. When Congress passed the resolution it said that the "recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exer-

cises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations,". In short, Veterans Day is a very important day to many people who have lost the lives of their loved ones to the war. We send our condolences to them.

Get to know Hanukkah

By Evaline Dudley

Like the U.S, many celebrate the holiday season, and everyone has their own way they like to do it. There is a special celebration called Hanukkah that is recognized by Jewish faith. It includes lighting candles every night until Christmas. They usually have the candle sticks on a table close to the living room.



They light the candles from left to right using the main one of the nine, that is placed in the middle to light all the others. Before lighting the next candle, they say two blessings to God. They also play a game called spin the dreidel. It has four different sides to it and they all mean something different. Usually kids play this for chocolate.

Hanukkah is for the dedication of their victory against Greeks. As well remembering the oil burning symbolizing light in darkness. With this, the candle lighting ceremony is on different days in December. This brings many smiles and joy, celebrating their victory.

Hawthorn Toy Drive: giving for a merry Christmas

By Gavin Hayes

Here at Hawthorn Academy, student house leaders took a field trip to deliver toys to the Utah Youth Village, where foster children around Utah can pick out gifts for their families.



As the student house leaders got to the location, they were soon greeted by employee Jamie Riccobono. Jamie was very thankful for all of the donations that were given to their organization saying, "We have children from all around the state of Utah that come to Utah Youth Village around Christmas. Most of these children have never given a gift before, but thanks to you generous people, they finally have an opportunity to do this."

The students soon started to unload all of the donated items from the bus and displayed them in a room for the kids.

There was a large variety of gifts from Barbie dolls and toy cars, to bath bombs and stuffed animals.



After the students made their way onto the bus, they drove back to Hawthorn Academy.

The students all came back feeling great about what they were able to do for their community. They know that they just made a child's Christmas better.



From cozy to productive!

By Christopher Colton & Brian Burd

Winter break is the longest break of the school year, so it's the perfect time to relax, hang out with friends, and have some fun. If you're not sure what to do, here are five great activities to try during winter break.

One fun option is going ice skating at the Downtown Daybreak Ice Skating Rink. It's a cozy and fun place that's great for friends or family. If you live near a UTA train stop, it's easy to get there. Just hop on the Red Line toward University Medical and get off at the stop right before it.

Another popular winter activity is skiing or snowboarding. If you have a season pass, winter break is a great time to use it. All of the ski resorts in Little Cottonwood Canyon are open for the 2025–2026 season, so if you've been waiting to head up to the mountains, now's your chance.

Sledding is also a classic winter activity that never gets old. Smaller hills near your neighborhood are perfect for quick fun after a snowfall, while mountain areas offer longer and faster runs. No matter where you go, sledding is a simple and fun way to enjoy the snow. Just make sure to dress warm and stay safe.

Winter festivals are another great way to celebrate the season. In the Salt Lake area, events like the Festival of Trees at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy run through December 6 and help support Primary Children's Hospital. You can also check out Zoo Lights at Hogle Zoo, where colorful

lights turn the zoo into a winter wonderland. These events are a fun way to get into the holiday spirit and make memories during winter break.

You could also go all the way to Woodward Park City to go tubing in beautiful white snow. Woodward Park City offers great snow tubing for all ages, with lots of fun. It has seven lanes, a 1,200 foot drop, and magic carpet lifts with a great view. It is perfect for families and has tickets sold for two hour sessions. You'll definitely need warm clothes, good friends or family around you. I would recommend booking online for this popular Park City, Utah attraction so you can have a guaranteed good time.

Hawthorn's way of starting a new month

By Ivan Sierra, Magtuf Mohamed

Every month, the middle school houses take turns hosting an assembly. In November, Protos had the opportunity to host our assembly, it was a good experience. They had lots of activities, among them were trying to spell the alphabets backwards, Balloon juggling and Taping Mrs. Su'a to the wall with different house colors of tape, whichever house got the most tape on the teacher would win the challenge.

Who would volunteer for something so cra-



zy? Mrs. Su'a. "I've lived a good life," she said. Mrs. Su'a is an art teacher at Hawthorn. She has taught at Hawthorn for five years. The November assembly was held by Protos at the Hawthorn West gym. They had lots of activities and the final activity was a bear crawl all over the gym. The titleholder is Reveur.



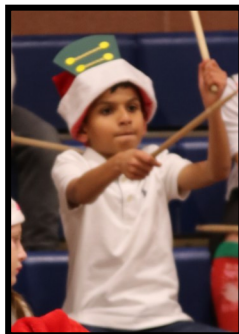
The Elementary Christmas Concert!

By: Timothy Jones, Elijah Hale

Hawthorn Academy had their annual elementary Christmas concert. The students have been practicing for weeks to prepare for the concert. The Christmas songs they started with were Underneath the Tree and ended with Santa Clause coming to town.



The Songs they sang were: We are Santa's Elves, Christmas Town, When Santa Clause Gets Your Letter, 32 Feet and 8 Little Tacks, Parade Of the Wooden Soldiers, and



many more songs.

These kids had a lot of fun during the concert. Many proud parents came to support their students and all the hard work they have done. Seeing their kids perform brings their parents joy and happiness.



When asking these kids what their favorite songs were, there were many votes on all the different songs. About 20 students chose Santa Clause is Coming To Town, which had the highest votes. The one the students didn't like was Marshmallow World. They said it was one of the hardest to remember and difficult to say some words.

Overall, this was a great experience for all the students. It gives them something to practice and do at home. It also allows them to work together as a team and sing together. It was so much fun for them and their parents.

The Hawthorn Tech-Takeover

By Lucy Matthews

On December 19th there was a robotics competition held in the gym. At the competition there were 8 different teams for all of Carl Landskron's classes except cre-

ative coding. The goal of the competition was to see who was the best robot builder. The winners were Gavin Hayes and Tyler Coleman. Their team name was “Carl’s Little Helpers.” Their alliance included Anthony Mole and Gavin Luckheart, whose team name was “All Roads Lead To Rome.” Maddlynn Wilkey said, “It felt like a real competition because of the way Carl was announcing things, and it was fun to watch the third graders cheer us on.” After the competition, Carl gave a speech about how he wants to expand the robotics department, and for Hawthorn to be the best robotics school.



Chriskindlmarkt Fun

By Kaysen Hancock and Abby Gardner

Recently at Hawthorn Academy, the German classes went to the Christkindlmarkt to learn about German Christmas culture. Christkindlmarkt is a German market that comes around the holidays. It took place at This is the Place Heritage Park.

Some things we saw were the many shops. There were many different things being sold, but a common thing that was in the shops were homemade items like food and toys. Some toys were wooden toys and crossbows, nutcrackers, and crocheted stuffed animals. Kayla said, “My favorite shop was the hot chocolate shop for the coconut hot chocolate.”

One of my favorite things I saw were cosplayers! Most of them were wearing old or traditional German clothing and others were dressed as old folk tales, like the witch, and Hansel and Gretel.

The Christkindlmarkt is mostly shops, but there were a few activities to do, like a petting zoo with bunnies, chickens, goats, sheep, and horses. The petting zoo cost a few dollars, but it was a fun experience. Lastly, everyone met at the school building and learned about Christmas in German. Some of the things we learned about is that the Advent calendar was originally made in German and same with the Nutcracker play.

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