



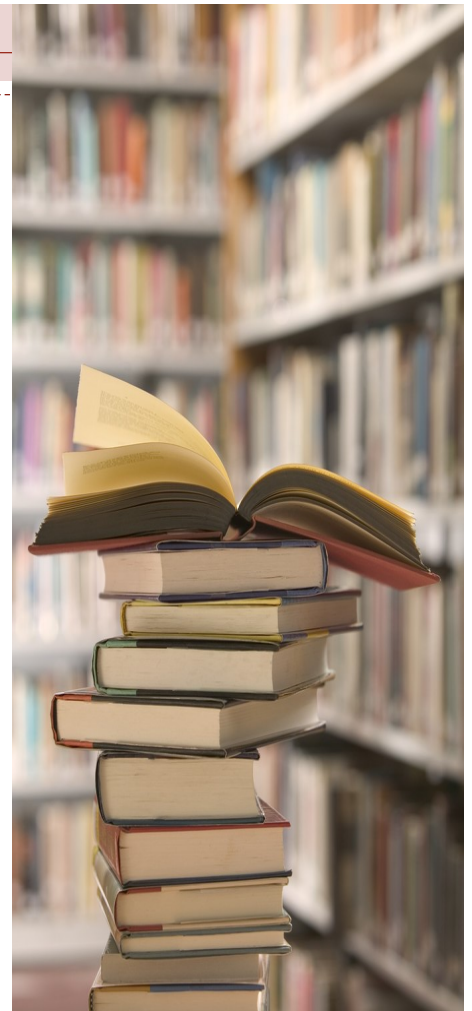
Epworth-Hawkins Partnership E-Newsletter Summer 2021



Message from Pat Holmberg, Team Leader

Greetings VOLUNTEERS. What a hot, wet, and of course humid summer. There is also great JOY as our families and friends have been together. Your leadership team has been meeting all summer and we are ready to go. TPS K-8 students will be back with masks on. We will be wearing masks too. I did have the privilege last spring to be in the school when students were back. The safety measures are OUTSTANDING and you each know how much they need us back. You will be hearing from Lynn and Barb regarding procedures to reactive training and assignments. Remembering our main focus is reading K-3, with math and reading for older grades. Also to assist in the development of Hawkins as a STEMM Academy.

See all of you soon, Pat Holmberg



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Volunteer Recognition

The service of Epworth-Hawkins Partnership volunteers was celebrated at a recognition ceremony and luncheon June 9 in Epworth's Deep End. Hawkins Principal Beth Stretavski provided an engaging introduction to STEMM learning, highlighted by a group problem solving game. Volunteers were recognized for years of service, with a majority being honored for six years of service. Many thanks to TerriLee Barricklow and Martie Reed and their "crew" (Carol Bardi, Lonna Mikesell, Diane Rusk, and Joan Tobias) for preparing and serving delicious and beautifully-presented box lunches.



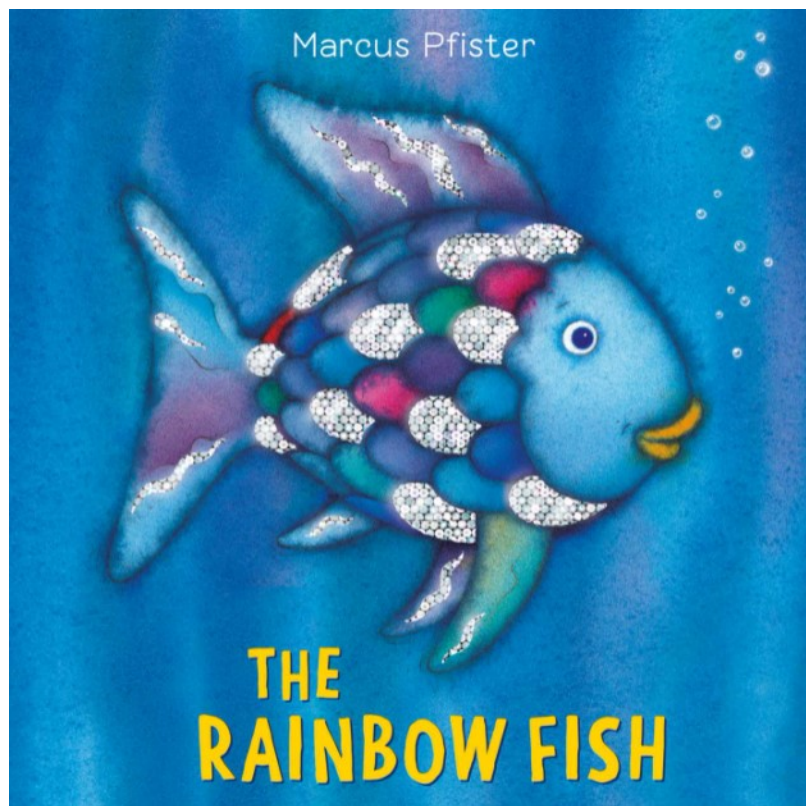
Staff Appreciation

Hawkins staff members received a special gift from the Epworth-Hawkins Partnership in May for the final staff appreciation day of the 2020-21 school year. "We are honoring STEMM programs, the Hawkins garden, and the growth that took place in this difficult year," said leadership team member Cindi Bishop. All 60 Hawkins staff members were given live spring plants in decorative pots, accompanied by a note expressing appreciation for their work. The Partnership has recognized the contributions of the staff at monthly staff appreciation days throughout the school year, and, according to Cindi, "we wanted to make the last one really special."



Annual Kindergarten Book Day

The Epworth-Hawkins Partnership's Book Initiative held the annual Kindergarten Book Day at Hawkins STEMM Academy on May 21. Volunteers Luann Alleman, Kay Bennett, and Polly Richardson visited the two kindergarten classes and Polly read the book "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister to each class. Each of the 32 kindergarteners was presented with a gift-wrapped copy of the book. A label inside identified it as a gift from the Epworth-Hawkins Partnership and a letter to families encouraged them to read with their children. The students were very excited when volunteers encouraged them to write their name on a sticker inside the front cover.



8th Grade Recognition Ceremony

Hawkins STEMM Academy honored its 8th graders at a Recognition Ceremony May 25 in the Toledo Botanical Garden's Bancroft Street parking lot. Two cars of guests per student were invited to attend the "drive through" ceremony. Epworth-Hawkins Partnership volunteers prepared and distributed "goody bags" of cookies and other treats for each car attending the event.



Hawkins Annual Leadership Retreat

Every June the Leadership Team spend a day reviewing our past year's objectives, results and then sets quarterly and on-going objectives (2021-2022) for the coming year. We always find a peaceful and reflective space for our work. This year we met at The Toledo Metro Botanical Garden Conference Center on June 19th.

Team members are Pat Holmberg, Lynn Bachelor, Kay Bennett, Cindi Bishop, and Barb Machin.

Objectives for the 2021-22 school year can be found on our website <https://www.epworth.com/serve/in-our-community/pages/hawkins-stemm-academy-partnership>.

Community STEMM Connection (CSC)

The Community STEMM Connection (CSC) is a collaborative effort to foster learning, across all content areas, that will promote innovation, entrepreneurship and inquired-based learning.

Partners: Epworth Church Methodist Partnership, Hawkins, Hawkins Parent Network, Aerospace and Natural Science Academy of Toledo, Metroparks Toledo, and Reynolds Corner Rotary Club and Hawkins STEMM Academy.

During the spring and summer months the CSC focus has been on the replacement of Hawkins outside classroom . The former classroom was taken down due to damage. The improved design will be for year-round use depending on weather. Design plans are near completion with a cost of approximately 75,000 dollars. The CSC plans to build the classroom through in-kind support and grant awards.

Great news the gardens beds have been moved to a more productive area located in front of the cafeteria... plants doing well. Special thanks Epworth volunteers Jan Devany and Kay Heinrichs for the hours they have put in to keep this vegetable garden growing.

**EPWORTH-HAWKINS STEMM
ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP**

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Epworth-Hawkins STEMM Academy Partnership is to promote the success of students through educational services and other activities that build relationships with students, staff, families, and other members of the Hawkins community.

REMINDERS:

Hawkins STEMM Academy Newsletter:

The staff of Hawkins STEMM Academy prepare a monthly Newsletter called “Hawkins Herald” which can be found at the Hawkins STEMM Academy’s website.

Hawkins Information on Epworth’s Website:

Here is the direct link to reach Hawkins STEMM Academy information on Epworth’s website:

www.epworth.com/hawkinspartnership

Lynn Bachelor does an excellent job of keeping our Hawkins Website updated!

Please share this website with any friends that would like more information on being a Hawkins volunteer!!

Volunteer Contact Information:

If any of your contact information has changed (email, phone, address, etc.) please email your changes to Lynn Bachelor at: lynn.bachelor@gmail.com

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