

# Welcome to Earth and Environmental Science!

August 28, 2017

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Hello! My name is Dr. Merricks and I am excited to be your student's Earth and Environmental Science (EES) teacher. As we begin this year at Hawthorne, I look forward to working closely with both you and your child to ensure his/her academic success in my class.

To help ensure a successful school year, please read the following information carefully and sign the Parent Contact form. This will count as the first homework assignment for your child, so please have your student return the signed form no later than **Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**.

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

It is recommended that each student bring the following materials to class every day, unless otherwise noted:

- 3-ring binder with loose-leaf paper
- 3-subject spiral notebook
- Writing Utensils
- highlighter
- headphones

I ask that students are prepared with required materials every day. Students will be receiving a lot of supplemental materials and they will need to keep them organized.

## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Naturally, it is imperative that we work together to create and maintain a safe and orderly classroom environment where all students can learn. We have high expectations for students to show respect for themselves, others, and the classroom. Students are expected to abide by the Hawthorne Code of Conduct at all times. Please see your student's syllabus for specific classroom expectations.

## **TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED**

- Support Class/Homework Expectations
- Communicate your expectations to Student/Teacher
- Discuss student goals both short and long term goal
- Encourage study time outside of assigned work
- Encourage after school tutoring

## **HOW TO REACH ME**

You may contact me via email at [jessicaa.merricks@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:jessicaa.merricks@cms.k12.nc.us) should you be concerned or curious about your child's progress at any time. Please don't feel that you need to wait for me to contact you should you wish to talk! You may also reach me using our class' Remind account (information below).

In conclusion, I am very excited about working with you and your child this upcoming semester, and I am confident that with collaboration and teamwork, I can ensure achievement for your child! To keep up with our activities, please visit our classroom website: [www.merricksjscience.weebly.com](http://www.merricksjscience.weebly.com).

All the best,

Dr. Merricks

## Parent/Guardian Information Survey

Turn this into Dr. Merricks by **Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Please write clearly and in INK.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you read the parent welcome letter and seen the syllabus? Sign and date below!

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you fluent in English?  yes  no

What is the best way to reach you? (Please check ONE)

Home Phone  Work Phone  Cell Phone  Email  Text

When is the best time to reach you? (Please give a range of times, for example 3-5 PM) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### REMIND:

Our class will be using a Remind account as a way to communicate with students and parents. Remind allows teachers to send text or email reminders to students and parents about upcoming assignments, due dates, or other announcements. Your student will have the opportunity to register themselves during class this week. If you would like to receive the same messages via **TEXT**, send **@dcbdd** to the number **81010**. You will be prompted to reply with your name. This is only for my purposes so I know who has registered. Please respond with your name and your student's name in parenthesis. **\*Make sure you include the @ and copy the text exactly.\***

If you would prefer to receive the messages via **EMAIL**, please write your email below and I will register you.

Email addresses to be registered for Remind email messages: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please continue to the questionnaire on the back of this page\***

**Student Information Questionnaire**  
**To be completed by the Parent/Guardian**

What is your student's name? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your student have internet access at home? \_\_\_\_\_. Do you anticipate any issues with your student being assigned homework online on a regular basis? If so, please explain.

Does your student have any allergies or health concerns? \_\_\_\_\_. If so, please describe them below.

Please identify any academic or personal challenges facing your student that you would like me to be aware of. For example, please indicate if your student has trouble seeing the board from far away, or if he/she is very shy and does not like to work in groups, etc. The more information you provide, the better I can accommodate your students' personal needs.

Please list the most important qualities you expect to see in your students' teachers.

Is there anything else you would like me to know about your student?