



Horizon Honors Primary School News

March 2008

From Principal Laura Wanstreet

Your Child's ILP Conference

This school year is really moving right along! I find it so hard to believe that the end of the third quarter is upon us. Our students and teachers are busy preparing for Summative and completing their 3rd quarter assessments. All of this information helps to determine the goals for your child's 4th quarter Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

After Spring Break, you and your child will be meeting with classroom teachers to identify and discuss your child's goals for the rest of the school year. ILP conferences are a vital time for you to gather information from your child's teacher and for the teacher to gather information from you and your child. Some important questions to ask/discuss are:

- What is my child's greatest area of strength?
- Is my child working at grade level? Above? Below?
- What are my child's specific goals in each academic area?
- What classes should my child be recommended for next year?
- What can I do to help my child balance school-work, family commitments and extra-curricular activities?
- How can my child develop his/her leadership skills?
- Are there any volunteer opportunities I could be a part of?

Parents often ask: "Do I have to come to the ILP Conference? I can see my child's grades on EagleNet and I don't really have any questions." My response is always the same. The ILP is a conference, a document and a roadmap. Academic and social goals are set for your child and your input is important. No one knows your child like you do, and no one has as much influence.

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Primary School *Happenings*

3/4 Summative

Tuesday, March 11th

1/2 Summative

Wednesday, March 12th

Kindergarten Summative

Thursday, March 13th

Music In Our Schools: The Elephant's Child

Presented by Eagle Echoes and Horizon Harmonies

Thursday, March 13th, 9 and 11 a.m.

Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

Monday March 17th through Monday March 31st

ILP Conferences (NO SCHOOL)

Friday, March 28th and Monday, March 31st

First Day of 4th Quarter

Tuesday, April 1st

Soaring Eagles Society "Make the Difference"

Fundraising Dessert

Thursday, April 10th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., MPR

"From Principal Laura Wanstreet" continued...

Talk to your child before the conference and ask him/her the questions as well. Ask your child if there is anything specific they would like to talk about. If the teacher says something you do not understand or if you have any questions about what you have discussed, please do not hesitate to ask. A strong partnership between school and home is essential to ensure your child's educational success.

ILP conferences for K-6 are going to be held on Friday, March 28th and Monday, March 31st. If you have not signed up for your 4th quarter ILP conference, please call Jeanette or Kim in the Elementary Office at (480) 659-3100 to schedule your appointment time.

Have a fun and safe Spring Break and we will see you and your child at your ILP conference. ~Laura~

Dress Code For Spring

As we begin a new quarter and the weather begins to get warmer, it is a good time to review the HCLC dress code. The dress code applies while on school grounds and at all school events unless otherwise directed by administration. Please spend a few moments with your child to review and discuss the rationale and each section of the dress code. You can find a copy of the dress code in the Horizon Community Learning Center Handbook or at the front of your 3/4 or 5/6 student planner. If you need another copy of the dress code, please stop by the Elementary Office.

A few reminders:

- Shirts without collars (t-shirts, blouses, tunics) should be tucked in at the waist.
- Clothing should be free of all letters, numbers, icons, pictures and symbols.
- Only shirts with collars may be worn un-tucked.
- Headwear (hats) will only be worn outside of the building.
- Sweatshirts will be free of all numbers, letters, icons, pictures and logos unless it is a HCLC authorized logo.
- Jackets will not be worn inside the building.

AIMS Reminders

The week of April 7th, our students will be taking the AIMS/Terra Nova standardized tests. Please do not schedule vacations or appointments during this week. Our goal is 100% participation.

Tips to help your child prepare:

- Successful test-takers tend to be students with good attendance, homework, and study habits; therefore, your child's daily assistance with homework and attitude toward school have the biggest impact on their overall performance – which will naturally include the tests!
- Students who struggle the most on testing days are the ones who didn't have enough sleep or a good breakfast the day of the test. Rest up and eat healthy!

The Arizona Department of Education is a wonderful resource. Check on: <http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/> for parent guides and sample tests.

Kindergarten Happenings

In Kindergarten, the children are learning about habitats and life cycles. We took that knowledge with us to the zoo and had a wonderful time exploring the habitats of the animals. Further testing our noodles and “green thumbs,” each friend planted a seed or flower in our fabulous garden. All of Kindergarten is very excited to see how our garden grows. In addition, keeping our weekly plant journal helps us observe its natural progress. However, for the rest of the quarter the students will be working on gathering information for our animal reports that we will present at Summative. We are very excited for our first true HCLC Summative and we hope to see you all there on Thursday, March 13th. Thank you for your continued support!

~ The Kindergarten Team~

Music in Our Schools Month

In celebration of Music In Our Schools Month the Intermediate School choruses, Eagle Echoes and Horizon Harmonies, will be presenting the musical story version of Rudyard Kipling's *The Elephant's Child*. Performances will be March 13th and will include both choruses with the 9 a.m. show featuring actors from Horizon Harmonies for the 3/4 classes and the 11 a.m. show featuring actors from Eagle Echoes for the 1/2 classes.

School Values Schedule

Week of March 3rd: Trustworthiness

Week of March 10th: Self-Discipline

Mark Your Calendars

Horizon Honors High School is proud to present our first ever school musical! “Once Upon A Mattress” will be performed April 25th at 3:30 and 7 p.m. and again on April 26th at 7 p.m. This is a whimsical “true tale” of the “Princess and the Pea” with many amusing twists and turns! Tickets go on sale April 7th.

Parent Partnership News

"Volunteers make it happen!"

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4th Quarter Lunches on Sale Now!

Fourth quarter lunches are on sale now! The deadline to order is Thursday, March 6th. Lunch Order Forms are available in each office, sent home with students, and are accessible on the HCLC Web site at <http://www.horizonclc.org>, look under "Parent Partnership," then "Lunch Program."

Spring Fling Carnival

Friday, May 2nd, 5 to 9 p.m.

Pre-sale is April 3rd - 17th (Prices increases after April 17th)

\$13 - all-ride wristband (pre-sale price)

\$8 - non-ride wristband (pre-sale price)

To enter the event, EVERYONE must purchase a wristband

Carnival amusement rides, inflatable rides, carnival games and much more...

- Cake Walk - win a cake, cookies or other treats from 5 to 8:30 p.m. (or while supplies last).
- Bingo! - Bingo is what you'll be hearing or yelling (if you are lucky)! Bingo cards are one Horizon Buck each. The event runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (or while prizes last). Fun for all ages.
- Art Masterpiece Exhibit - Enjoy the K-6 Art exhibit in the Multi-purpose Room.
- Entertainment - Our Middle School Radio Club will play music in the Elementary Courtyard for your enjoyment.

Sponsor A Ride!

Join the many businesses that help offset our ride expenses by sponsoring a ride. Sponsorships are \$250 and each business receives four all-ride wristbands. Your business name will be displayed on a sign that is located near or on a ride. Contact Mona Volden for more information.

Volunteer of the Month

Our March Volunteer of the Month is Laurie Branch. Congratulations Laurie!