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HCLC Insight

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Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays to all our HCLC families. We hope as you look upon this school year that you are glad you have chosen HCLC as your child's school. We are in a constant process of improving the quality of education your children receive at HCLC, and our teachers are the conduits for those im-

provements. We celebrate them and your children for their many successes this year and those to come.

The spirit of the families and staff at HCLC is unique. It is here where we have chosen to be, and in that choice, comes a commitment to certain values

that we all share. During this holiday season, we at HCLC pause to appreciate everyone who contributes to those shared ideals and the spirit that those values have created. Thank you and we hope your holidays are filled with loved ones and friends!

The Horizon Golf Classic

On November 3rd, Horizon had its Second Annual Golf Classic at Ocotillo Golf Course. This fundraiser is an effort to engage our families, businesses, and our vendors in supporting HCLC's goals. Both last year and this year's tournament brought in funds to help us partially pay for shade structures in the elementary and middle school courtyards. The chart below highlights our progress toward that goal as well as compares last year's tournament to this year's.

Although our fundraising gains do not completely pay for the structures and installation, we feel this is a need to move forward on. We have secured a vendor for the shade structure project and are awaiting permits to get started. Since this is such a big project, we will need an extended break (winter or summer) to complete the work. If the permits are approved on time, the work will be done during winter break; if not, we will wait until the summer to construct the structures.

We thank all those who either financially or in time and effort supported our Golf Classic. This includes our staff, students, volunteers, and golf committee. Our Golf Classic Advisory Committee has been a dedicated, enthusiastic, and positive group of HCLC parents who coordinates the event with such a joyful spirit. We sincerely appreciate working with them as team.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

School Improvement Team

Monday, Jan. 28th @ 1:30 p.m.

Third Quarter Roundtable

Thursday, Feb. 21st @ 7 p.m. in the MPR
Topic:
2008-09 School Year

Golf Tournament

| 2007-08 | 2006-07 |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue | Revenue |
| \$32,283.52 | \$26,205.00 |
| Expenses | Expenses |
| \$17,007.00 | \$14,049.39 |
| NET PROFIT | NET PROFIT |
| \$15,276.52 | \$12,155.61 |

HCLC Golf Committee

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| Chad Bellin | Cheri Brown |
| Heather Cole | Steve Ertle |
| Janice Ertle | Brad Freemole |
| Jeff McKenna | Liz McKenna |
| | Traci McMillan |

Excelling

In my last *Insight*, I shared with you our students' scores on the AIMS test from last year. Recently, we received our school profile from the state indicating that we had received an EXCELLING rating. Our students, staff, and parents deserve a round of applause.

It is easy to take for granted the efforts of our students and teachers and become complacent after reaching

this goal every year since its beginning; but it requires a great deal of effort and vigilance on the part of all HCLC stakeholders. If students aren't learning at the appropriate rate, if our teachers aren't teaching with the state standards as the foundation, and if our parents don't send their children to school on AIMS testing dates, the results would be vastly different. We appreciate everyone's

acknowledgement of the importance of the AIMS test. The resulting EXCELLING rating confirms this level of support, especially the value our students place on academic excellence. Congratulations!

This year's AIMS test will take place the week of April 7th. Please mark the date on your calendars.

Tax Credit

Arizona Tax Credit information has been mailed to all our HCLC families. This small effort on your part, at no expense to you,

has a big impact on the extra curricular activities we are able to offer to our students at HCLC. Let's see if we can exceed our goal of

\$110,000 in tax credits. Thank you for supporting all our efforts in offering our students more.

Paperless Communication

We are making renewed efforts to have HCLC work toward paperless communications, and we need your help. Without our knowing your e-mail address, you will be missing important information in the near future. If you have not signed up for HCLC e-mails via

our Web site, please do so as soon as you can. Go to www.horizonclc.org, click on the button on the left that says "Sign Up for HCLC e-mails," and complete a very simple form. That's it! You will be ready to receive information at home.

This will also be your avenue for expressing your opinions on the upcoming Dress Code Survey and Curriculum Survey available on the Web site, which will be posted within the next two quarters. You must sign up to play!

Dress Code Survey

Our School Improvement Team (S.I.T.) has completed our dress code survey. It will be available for parent input online beginning Monday, January 14th. Our HCLC students will be able

to participate at school the week of Tuesday, January 22nd. The results will be analyzed by the School Improvement Team who will make a recommendation to the Leadership Team. The

Leadership Team will then make a proposal to the School Board for implementation starting in the Fall 2008-09 school year.

CELEBRATIONS

- We are an EXCELLING School
- Central Region Volleyball Coach of the Year: Livia Peace
- HS Brainstorming Team 1st Round Winners
- MS Girls Volleyball Junior Metro League Championship

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

Please do not pass buses trying to drop off students on Frye Road. It is dangerous and illegal.

High School Student Parking Only

Our HCLC high school students pay \$120 to park in their designated spaces and often those spots are mistakenly taken by our own parents dropping off their kids.

This really sets up an unfair situation for our high school students. The student spaces are located on the west side of the school and are either identified by a

sign or a painted designation on the asphalt. Please be aware of this as you look for parking spots and do not park there. Thank you.

Roundtable Discussion

On November 15th we had our evening Roundtable Discussion, an opportunity for parents and leadership to join together to discuss and get input on school identified topics. The topic for this discussion was the school dress code. Participants were asked to provide input in three areas for the

Dress Code Survey that the School Improvement Team was creating. Those areas included reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with the current dress code as it relates to logos and tucking in shirts as well as reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with a more specific dress code.

Input from the Roundtable Discussions can be found in the school offices if you are interested. Many of the ideas suggested from both the School Improvement Team and the Roundtable Discussion are included in the survey you will receive after break.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2nd Annual Horizon Golf Classic a success!

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AIMS/TERRANOVA

TESTING DATES

Grades 10-12:

Feb. 26 (Writing)

Feb. 27 (Reading)

April 8 (Math)

April 9 (Science)

Grades 2 - 9:

April 7 -11

Grades 4 & 8:

April 11 (Science)