



Horizon Honors Intermediate School News

February 2008

From Principal Laura Wanstreet

Thinking About Next Year

The 2007-2008 school year still has two remaining quarters full of fun and learning to enjoy, but HCLC is already planning for the next school year. I am often asked what parents should expect and the timeline for the transition from one school year to the next.

The first thing HCLC families will see in preparation for the next school year is the re-enrollment form. This form asks parents if their child will be returning to HCLC next year. You will fill out one form for each child currently enrolled in HCLC. If you have a child who is not currently attending HCLC, but will be joining us for the next school year, there is a portion on the bottom of the re-enrollment form where you can include this information. You will indicate this only one time on your oldest child's re-enrollment form. Enrollment preference is given to siblings of students currently enrolled at HCLC.

Students remaining in Intermediate School will also need to fill out the back of the re-enrollment form. It will ask you for your child's course selection. Your Intermediate School student will be able to choose between Spanish, Chorus and Band for one of his/her exploratory classes.

Students going into Middle School will also fill out course selection on the back of the form. They will be asked for more specific class choices including honors level classes.

When students move from Intermediate to Middle School parents often have many questions or are curious about the differences in the program. Because of this we have scheduled a transition meeting for parents on February 7th at 6 p.m. in the Tech Lab, located off of the Media Center. These meetings are designed for parents only. We will have transition meetings and activities for students in all grade levels throughout the 3rd and 4th quarter.

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Intermediate Happenings

Performing Arts Concerts

Cantabile Honors Chorale & Honors Symphonic Band
Monday, March 3rd, 7 p.m., MPR

Concert Band & Wind Ensemble

Wednesday, March 5th, 7 p.m., MPR

Bella Voce, Dolce Voce & Magnum Chordum
present Song of America

Thursday, March 6th, 7 p.m., MPR

Music In Our Schools: The Elephant's Child

Presented by Eagle Echoes & 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 & Monday, March 31st

First Day of 4th Quarter

Tuesday, April 1st

Auditions: Performing Arts Exhibition

April 1st, 3rd, & 4th

Performing Arts Exhibition

Thursday, April 17th

Horizon Honors High School Musical:

"Once Upon A Mattress"

Friday, April 25th, 3:30 and 7 p.m., MPR and

Saturday, April 26th, 7 p.m.

Lego Night is Coming!

Intermediate Social: Game and Lego Night!

Who: 5/6 Students

Where: Multi-purpose Room

When: Friday, February 15th, 6 to 8 p.m.

On Friday, February 15th, our Intermediate Student Council members will be hosting a night of games and treats for all Intermediate students. Bring your board games from home and have fun with your friends. Legos will be provided, but you may also bring your personal set of Legos. Sorry, no electronics, including I-pods. Cell phones will only be available for use to call home. Students that wish to participate will need to be dropped off at 6 p.m. and picked up at 8 p.m. Please come and share some fun with your classmates! Snacks will be provided.

What's Up in Science and Social Studies?

This quarter in science, students will be learning new concepts in physics that will prepare them for the fourth quarter. Concepts will include buoyancy, Bernoulli's principle, Archimedes' principle, center of mass, the components of a vector, density, equilibrium, frame of reference, waves, and pressure. Additionally, the scientific method will be introduced and used as a problem-solving tool.

Social studies will be focusing on the Renaissance as a time of interest and change in the arts, science, and trade. Emphasis will be given to the rebirth of Greek and Roman ideals and art, social standards, and religious reform.

Students will also be identifying the contributions of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Johannes Gutenberg, and Martin Luther; as well as identifying and explaining the following terms: natural rights, religious freedom, and governmental separation of powers.

HCLC New Family Orientations

Our New HCLC Family Orientations for the 2008-2009 school year will continue through February and March. If you know a family whose values represent those of HCLC, please have them call the office at (480) 659-3000 to schedule an orientation

Intermediate School Choirs: Eagle Echoes and Horizon Harmonies

In celebration of "Music in Our Schools" month, the Intermediate School chorus students will be performing in a musical based on the story "The Elephant's Child" by Rudyard Kipling. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event! Performances will be held on March 13th at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. We are inviting the 1/2 and 3/4 students to watch the show during their specials class.

The main characters in the play will be cast from both choirs; the 9 a.m. show will feature the students in Horizon Harmonies and the 11 a.m. show will feature the Eagle Echoes. You may want to plan to come to your child's feature show, but please feel free to attend either performance.

Advisory Topics

Week of February 4th: Listening

Week of February 11th: Using Win/Win Guidelines

Week of February 19th: Managing Anger

Week of February 25th: Managing Stress

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.

Yearbook Needs Photos

Do you have photos of HCLC events? Share them with the Yearbook staff via the Web!

Web site: <http://images.jostens.com/>

User ID: 1130472

Password: eagle

It's that easy! Please consider sharing your photos! All photos must be submitted by Thursday, February 14th.

Parent Partnership News

"Volunteers make it happen!"

February 2008

Save The Date!

Spring Fling Carnival

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

Tickets on sale March 27th-April 18th

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

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

Pricing increases after April 18th

To enter the event EVERYONE must purchase a wristband

**Students involved in an athletic group, club or extra-curricular activity that will be fundraising during the event should contact your coach/staff sponsor prior to purchasing a ticket.

The HCLC Spring Fling Carnival is a school-wide, on-campus event. Please join us for a fun night that offers carnival rides and games, bingo for the entire family, and a K-6 Art Masterpiece exhibit. This is an event you won't want to miss. Our Horizon Honors Intermediate, Middle, and High School athletic groups and clubs fundraise during this event by selling treats and trinkets.

This event is possible by volunteers like you. If you'd like to be a part of planning this exciting event or would like to assist us the day of the event we'd love your help. **Join us Thursday, February 7th for a Spring Fling meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Parent Partnership office.** Contact Mona Volden, Parent Partnership Director, at (480) 659-3098 or at mona.volden@horizonclc.org for more information.

Volunteer of the Month

Our February Volunteer of the Month is Kathy Heiberger. Congratulations Kathy!

Save the Date! **Make the Difference Dessert** **Thursday, April 10th**

Mark your calendar and join us for the **Make the Difference Dessert**.

For your pleasure we will have performances and exhibits from HCLC programs that are funded in part by our elite Soaring Eagle Society. At this event we will educate you on how your donations support programs that affect students at HCLC in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

We realize all our HCLC parents strive to become a member in our Soaring Eagle Society (SES) and we will explain just how easy it is for YOU to join.

By becoming a member in our Soaring Eagle Society, each donation no matter the size contributes to "making the difference" at HCLC and "makes the difference " for your student. Let's work together to make this a better HCLC.

Thank You for Your Support!

A special thank you to those who went above and beyond to complete their tax credit and recruit additional credits to support extra-curricular activities. The money you provided as part of the Arizona School Tax Credit Program goes a long way toward helping our students. Through your generosity we raised \$87,277, which will be applied directly to extra-curricular programs. HCLC is dedicated to providing the best education possible for your children and the Arizona State Tax Credit Program helps us do this. We truly appreciate your kindness and hope you will continue this support in the future.