

Horizon Honors Intermediate School News

February 2010

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL LAURA WANSTREET

Thinking About AIMS

Even though we are feeling chilly now, spring will be here before we know it, and with spring comes standardized testing. No Child Left Behind federally mandates state testing for our nation's students. All students attending a public school in the state of Arizona are assessed in grades 2-10. HCLC 2nd graders will take the Stanford 10 assessments. The Stanford 10 is a national norm-referenced assessment covering language arts and mathematics. Students in 3-4 will take the AIMS DPA (Arizona Instrument Measuring Standards Dual Purpose Assessment). The AIMS DPA is a combination of AIMS criterion-referenced assessment questions developed by Arizona educators and based on the Arizona Academic Standards, and questions from the Stanford 10.

HCLC 2nd graders are scheduled to take the Stanford 10 the week of April 12th. It will take two days and will assess language arts (reading and writing) and mathematics. The format of the Stanford 10 is multiple-choice.

HCLC students in grades 3-6 will take the AIMS DPA during the weeks of April 12th and April 19th. The AIMS DPA will assess language arts and mathematics and the format for both are multiple-choice. The state of Arizona has changed the writing assessment for AIMS this school year. Students in grades 3, 4, and 8 will not take the writing portion of the AIMS test in 2010. Only students in grades 5 and 6 will take the writing portion. The writing test requires students to write one extended response based on a given prompt or topic. Students in grades 4 and 8 will also take the AIMS science test at that time.

The AIMS portion of the test is scored as follows:

- Exceeds the Standard
- Meets the Standard
- Approaches the Standard
- Falls Far Below the Standard

In order to pass the AIMS test, a student needs to "Meet" or "Exceed the Standard." The Stanford 10 is scored using a percentile compared to a national norm.

It will be important to mark your calendars for the weeks of April 12th and April 19th. These will be the weeks our students will be taking their assessments. Students perform their best when they have had a good rest the night before and eat a healthy breakfast. Parents can also go to the Arizona Department of Education Website at <http://www.ade.state.az.us/AIMS/students.asp> for more information including sample tests and student guides.

Because the AIMS DPA and Stanford 10 are based on the Arizona State Standards, HCLC teachers are preparing our students all year long. These tests, along with other less formal assessments given throughout the year, give parents and teachers information about a child's progress and help to identify areas for improvement. We expect to have the results by the end of the school year and to be able to share them with you at your final ILP conference.

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Upcoming Events

Spring Pictures:
Feb. 3

Field Trip – Phoenix Zoo:
Feb. 10

Please make sure your child has a permission slip turned in.

Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL):
Feb. 15

Mandatory Camp Chaperone Meeting:
Feb. 24 @ 6 p.m. in 5-6 Classrooms

School Roundtable:
Feb 25 @ 6 p.m. in MPR

5-6 Camp:
Sewell/Fleming/Wolynia/Zurn Project Groups - March 2 & 3
Robertson/Hendrix/Hellman/Cochrane Project Groups - March 4 & 5

More upcoming HCLC events can be found on the [HCLC Web site](#).

ADVISORY TOPICS

Week of February 1:
Ingenuity

Week of February 8:
Patience

Week of February 16:
Humor

Week of February 22:
Curiosity

YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED!

Elementary Yearbook Club would like to request photos of PreK-6 students participating in school events. We need pictures of Band and Chorus performances, Pride/VIP events, Socials, morning meetings, and other typical classroom or outdoors events. Please visit this Website: <https://images.jostens.com/>, and then use the following info to upload: User ID: 400029183 and Password: eagles. Thank you!

KIWANIS BOOK DRIVE!

HCLC is providing boxes in both offices for the Kiwanis 7th Annual Book Drive from February 12 through March 12. The books received will benefit local Head Start programs, Gila River Indian Reservation, and homeless shelters in Phoenix. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this wonderful community outreach venue.

5-6 SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

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, note taking and test taking skills will be emphasized while reviewing previous physics terms.

In Social Studies, students will be able to describe how the Renaissance was a time of interest and change in the arts, science, trade, Greek and Roman rebirth, social standards, and religious reform. Students will be able to identify the contributions of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Gutenberg, and Martin Luther as well as other individuals of the era.

CONGRATULATIONS MUSIC MAN PRODUCTION TEAM!

Over three days, 112 students crowded into the Performing Arts Hallway to audition for "The Music Man." Fabulously inspiring auditions led to tough decisions, but after great deliberation the production team was posted with 47 students being offered acting parts. In addition to the cast, the production



will benefit from the student leadership of Teresa Messmer, Student/Tech Director; Kacie Moss, Dance Captain; Joshua Garrett, Vocal Captain; Katie Sacco, Stage Manager and the tech crew. Congratulations need to be extended to all the High School students and 5th - 8th grade students Philip B., Claire C., Cassie C., Mackenzie C., Josh C., Abbey F., Alexa G., Zane G., Emma L., Kian M., Michael M., Joy P., and Bennett W.

Mark your calendars! "The Music Man" will be performed April 22-24 at 3:30 and 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

2010-2011 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Your child will bring home a 2010-2011 Re-Enrollment Form soon. For 6th Graders going into 7th Grade, they received the form January 27 and it must be returned by February 5. For 5th Graders, expect them on February 4 with a due date of February 9. Siblings of returning students requesting new enrollment in 2010-2011 must be added to this form. In order to maintain your child's enrollment and ensure siblings receive full enrollment preference, please return this form by the due date.

Families will be contacted February 11 regarding new sibling registration. In the past, HCLC has been able to accommodate all siblings requesting new enrollment. However, a sibling lottery will be held if there are more siblings than spaces available.

If you are enrolling siblings, please prepare now to complete the following registration process. Within one week of enrollment notification, you will be expected to have this information complete:

- Complete a Registration Form in our Main Office between 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- Present an official birth certificate
- Satisfy state immunization requirements (see the [HCLC Web site](#) or office for specific information)
- Schedule an assessment (Grades K-9)
- Submit copies of last report card or transcript and the most recent standardized test results (New Grades 6-11 siblings)

Questions? Please contact Darlene Gaudette [via e-mail](#) or at 480-659-3004.

Are you a member?

We need your support. Join Soaring Eagle Society today!

SES helps fund programs that make HCLC unique.

Your support helps make the difference in the lives of our students. We are counting on you to help make that difference.

Donate to the HCLC Soaring Eagle society TODAY at <http://www.horizonclc.org/docs/soaring.pdf>



Thank you to our 2008-09 members who helped:

- continue our amazing Art program
- add mounted LCD projectors in classrooms
- add our first Engineering class
- continue our fantastic Drama program
- add a beginning Guitar class
- continue our excellent Band program
- add a Photography class
- continue our awesome Graphic Design class
- continue our Project Group classes
- continue our wonderful Choral program



SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING FLING!

Spring Fling 2010

Friday, April 30 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Tickets on sale April 1st-15th

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

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

To enter the event EVERYONE must purchase a wristband. Prices increase after April 15th. Please note that students involved in an athletic group, club or extra-curricular activity that will be fundraising during the event should contact their coach/staff sponsor prior to purchasing a ticket.

The HCLC Spring Fling Carnival is a school-wide event that is on our school grounds. Please join us for a fun night that offers carnival rides and games for the entire family. This is an event you won't want to miss. HCLC athletic groups and clubs fundraise during this event by selling treats and trinkets.

This event is made possible by volunteers like you. If you'd like to be a part of planning this exciting event or the day of the event we'd love your help. Contact Mona Volden at (480) 659-3098 or at mona.volden@horizonclc.org.

February 2010 Volunteer of the Month:

Karin Vigesaa

Congratulations and thank you!