

Horizon Honors Intermediate School News

April 2010

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL LAURA WANSTREET

Proposition 100

Arizona's state revenues have fallen to 2004 levels. However, in just those few years, the state has added 150,000 additional K-12 students. Think about that for a moment. These new students could fill 5,000 classrooms. The numbers represent 2010 problems and 2010 responsibilities.

The revenues derived from Proposition 100, a temporary, 3 year, one cent sales tax increase, shall be credited to, and separately accounted in, the state general fund and appropriated as follows:

- 2/3 of the revenues shall be appropriated for public primary and secondary education. (Yes, HCLC will receive some of this money!)
- 1/3 of the revenues shall be appropriated for health and human services and public safety purposes.

Public school will receive an estimate of \$700 million for the sales tax increase. The monies will help cover the state's budget shortfall. If the special ballot measure does not pass, there will be significant impact on education funding, which would definitely impact HCLC.

Early ballots will be sent on April 22 for this special election. You may also go to your local polling station and vote on May 18.

If you are not yet a registered voter in Arizona you must register by April 19 to vote in the election. There are some easy ways to get registered:

1. You may register to vote online using [Service Arizona EZ Voter Registration](#).
2. You may [obtain a printable form online](#) and mail the form to the county recorder.
3. You may request an Arizona Voter Registration form by phone from the county recorder.
4. You may visit the county recorder and complete an Arizona Voter Registration form in person.

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Upcoming Events

Performing Arts Exhibition:
April 8 @ 6 p.m., MPR

Bowling Field Trip:
April 7 - Mr. Burdette
April 8 - Mr. Mixer

"Music Man" Tickets on Sale:
April 12

AIMS/Stanford 10 Testing:
April 13-21

5-6 Social:
April 16
Ice Cream & "Dance Dance Revolution", \$1

Spirit Week:
Week of April 26
Monday - Favorite Outfit Day
Tuesday - Mismatch Day
Wednesday - White Out Day
Thursday - Hero Day
Friday - HCLC Spirit Day

"Music Man" Performances:
April 22-24 @ 3:30 & 7 p.m.,
MPR

Spring Fling:
April 30 @ 5-9 p.m.

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

ADVISORY TOPICS

Month of April:
Can you see my thinking?

WELCOME TO SPRING! DRESS CODE REMINDERS!

A few specific reminders:

- Shorts and skirts will be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side while standing straight
- Shirts will be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck
- Headwear will be worn outside the building. Caps will be worn with the brim facing forward

MUCHIAS GRACIAS!

Spanish teachers Mrs. Hankins and Mrs. Armenta would like to thank all students and families who participated in the Project Cure donations drive for relief in Haiti. Collectively we donated dozens of diapers, formula, and medical supplies that will benefit many families in need. Your hard work and dedication to raising awareness about Haiti earthquake victims and providing relief are legendary. Thank you again for your tremendous support in making this drive a success!

5-6 MATH

This quarter, students are studying nautical architecture in Project Group. Students will consider physics, and mathematical, historical, and environmental aspects when testing and designing the ship's hull, cargo capacity, and sails. In math class, students will be exploring geometry concepts such as volume, area, and perimeter and how it relates to the design and the building of a ship. We will also be integrating many measurement aspects into our Project

Group unit. Students will be calculating the various dimensions of the different components of their boats. They will also be graphing integers as they record the results of the distance and steering test. In addition, students will be calculating velocity and other algebraic formulas in nautical problem solving scenarios. It will be an exciting quarter filled with many real life mathematical applications.

PERFORMING ARTS EXHIBITION

For those of you who are looking for some great entertainment, the Spring Performing Arts Exhibition will be held on April 8 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Come out for an intimate evening of music and drama featuring the talents of our very own HCLC students. It will be a great event! You don't want to miss it!

AIMS AND STANFORD 10 SCHEDULE

The AIMS DPA and Stanford 10 tests are scheduled for the first two weeks of April. Please do not extend your vacations or schedule appointments during these weeks. Our goal is 100% participation. Our schedule is as follows:

- AIMS DPA Writing (Grades 5-6) - Tuesday, April 13
- AIMS DPA Reading & Math (Grades 3-6) - Thursday, April 15
- AIMS DPA Reading & Math (Grades 3-6) & Stanford 10 (Grade 2) - Monday, April 19
- AIMS DPA Reading & Math (Grades 3-6) & Stanford 10 (Grade 2) - Tuesday, April 20
- AIMS Science (Grade 4 Only) - Wednesday, April 21

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!
- 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 AZ Department of Ed. is a wonderful resource. Check on: <http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/> for parent guides and sample tests.

SPANISH CLUB

If your child is in band or chorus but you still want them to keep up on their Spanish, then this club is for you. The fee is \$25 and we meet every Thursday from 3:15-4:15 p.m. We do a theme based vocabulary unit with lots of games and activities. The registration forms are available Elementary Office. Hope to see you there!

WELL, YA GOT TROUBLE!

Yes, ya got "TROUBLE" and many other memorable classic melodies as Horizon Honors marches to the tune of "Seventy-Six Trombones" in "The Music Man," a traditional musical ready to be enjoyed by the whole family during the six show run beginning April 22nd.

"The Music Man," Meredith Willson's affectionate tribute to Small Town, U.S.A. and a bygone era, follows the fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he attempts to con the stubborn 1912 lowans into buying expensive instruments, uniforms, and instruction books for a boys' band that he vows to organize - this despite the fact that he doesn't know "one note from another." With his spellbinding ways, "Professor" Harold Hill convinces the town that unless they adopt his revolutionary music program, the youngsters of River City will be forever doomed. The obstinate nature of the citizens of River City seems to vanish under the spider's web and give way to the themes of hope and transformation until chaos ensues as Hill's credentials are questioned and he is called upon to prove himself to be a respectable man by curtain's fall.

Guarantee your seat today! Because of the high demand for tickets for previous productions, we have increased the number of shows! The Music Man opens Thursday, April 22nd with a matinee performance at 3:30 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. evening performance. Matinee and evening performances will also take place at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 12th and are available in either school office or from any cast member. Seating is limited – the fall shows were all sold out. Get your tickets early during pre-sales. Any tickets remaining from pre-sales will be sold at the door 30 minutes prior to each performance.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books has begun! 5-6 and 7-8 students are competing this quarter in this reading competition. The competition is already underway with students reading 12 different titles over a period of seven weeks.

Students read as many of the titles and work in teams to complete this task. The teams meet on a regular basis to share notes and discuss the books during their language class. Students are assigned a different role to help their team succeed.

The classroom competition will be held during the week of May 24th to narrow down teams for the final competition on May 28th at 8:30 a.m. in the Gym. The winning team will have their names engraved on a trophy that will travel to the winning school from year to year. Look for more information as it gets closer to the competition.

SPRING FLING TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Spring Fling 2010

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

Tickets on sale April 1st-15th

TICKET ORDER FORM AVAILABLE NOW!

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

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

To enter the event EVERYONE must purchase a wristband. **Prices increases 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.

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April 2010 Volunteer of the Month:
Carole Ellenberger
Congratulations and thank you!