

Horizon Honors Intermediate School News

May 2010

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL LAURA WANSTREET

The end of the school year is a time of reflection and a time of anticipation as we look forward to a new school year bringing fresh challenges. While our 5th graders prepare to become the leaders of the Elementary School, our 6th graders are making their plans for being Secondary School Students in the Middle School.

The 2009-2010 school year at HCLC has had so many positive, memorable moments. IS Summatives have been some of the finest I have witnessed: contraptions were designed, castles and armor were created and the conundrum was solved. IS students are developing into exceptional writers and continue to impress me with their focus in all areas of academics. I look forward to the Battle of the Books this year and will cheer on all of our teams. It is exciting to see the IS students devouring books to prepare for this event! Beginning Band students have become musicians and our Intermediate Band students' talents continue to mature. Individuals of mixed vocal abilities joined together at the beginning of the school year and have become two brilliant choral groups. Many Band and Chorus students even take on the challenge of solo performances – I don't know if I would have had the courage to do that in 5th or 6th grade! Students in Spanish have explored culture and language and, in the process, have learned more about themselves. In P.E., students have participated in fun and healthy activities ranging from gymnastics and cup stacking to bowling and lacrosse

None of this can happen without committed and enthusiastic teachers who are willing to work so hard and give so freely to provide opportunities for our IS students to take on different challenges and enjoy new experiences. I consider myself extremely lucky to work with a staff in every grade level and content area who see themselves as so much more than classroom teachers and parents who are so committed to their children's education.

Continuing with the theme of parental support, I thank you all for your continued presence at HCLC – in the classrooms, in the lunch program, Art Masterpiece, field trips, reading partners, ILP conferences, drop off/pick up...

I continue to enlist your help in ensuring that our students review and follow our published dress code and code of conduct. Above all, I want HCLC students to be proud of their school and uphold the values of our community. They need the support of the adults in their lives to encourage and praise them.

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STUDENT PICK UP REMINDER

Only students who are waiting for the ALEX bus or the Metro Bus may wait at the northeast corner of 48th St. and Frye Road after school. This is not a parent pick-up location or a parking zone and the city of Phoenix can ticket your vehicle. The area is clearly marked as a "no parking" zone. The designated parent pick-up locations are in front of the school (in the parking lot) and in the church parking lot behind the school. Also, please remember it is important not to block handicapped spaces when dropping off or picking up your student in our parking lot. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Bowling Field Trip:

May 3 - Mrs. Bernstein

May 7 - Mrs. Smith

Transition Lunch for 6th to 7th

Grade:

May 6

Latin America Celebration:

May 7

BOGO Book Fair:

May 17-20, 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. in
Media Center

Battle of the Books:

May 28 @ 8:30 a.m. in Gym

Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL):

May 31

Beginning & Intermediate Band
Concert:

June 2 @ 5:30 p.m.

Eagle Echoes & Horizon Har-
monies:

June 2 @ 7:15 p.m.

Field Day:

June 7

Water Day:

June 8

Last Day of School:

June 9

ILP Conferences:

June 10 -11

ADVISORY TOPICS

Can you see my thinking?

Week of May 3: Creativity

Week of May 10: Abstract
Thinking

Week of May 17: Abstract
Thinking

Week of May 24: Reflections

Week of June 1: Uniqueness
& Creativity

Week of June 7: Celebration

LATIN AMERICAN DAY

We will be celebrating the culture of Latin America on Friday, May 7th with a music and dance performance. We are asking students to dress in Latin American dress or the colors red, green and white on that day. We will also be having a taste of the culture by offering paletas for sale at recess for \$1 from vendors. The paletas are a type of popsicle that are made with fruit juice and others that use a milk base. It is going to be a great day of celebration, so please feel free to stop by and join us!



5-6 SCIENCE UPDATE

What makes a ship float? How can you sail into the wind? Can you sail faster than the wind? These are all questions that the students will be answering for themselves this quarter. In our integrated unit students will study the physics behind ship design, develop and implement experiments that focus on carrying capacity, steering, and sail design. Student leaders will

coordinate the student research groups as they work to create and build their experiments. To help clarify the physics concepts we will also have in-class activities with displacement, density, surface area, buoyancy, and windmill efficiency. By the end of the quarter the students will have the answers to your nautical questions!

LEADERS NEEDED TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL!

This year we will hold both our 2010-2011 fifth grade and sixth grade Student Council elections on May 17th and 18th. Mrs. Robertson, our Student Council advisor, will have an informational meeting on May 10th during your child's recess. This informational meeting is required for all students interested in applying for Student Council. During this meeting the expectations and requirements will be covered and applications will be given out. These applications will be due on May 14th and elections will take place the following week. Encourage your child to take advantage of this leadership opportunity!

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Even though we are approaching the end of the school year, things are certainly not winding down. As a matter of fact, for many of us, this is the time of year that things begin to speed up. It seems like every time we turn around there is another year-end event to prepare for or attend and the academic and social rigor of school continues up until the last day of the school year. All of this can contribute to a sense of overload if we are not careful. Children experience a mix of emotions at the end of a school year that range from excitement for summer break and the next school year to anxiousness about leaving the last grade. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Prioritize and be selective with after school activities
- Make sure children get plenty of rest and healthy food – always important, but challenging when we are busy
- Keep to a regular schedule – or as close to “regular” as possible – routine is a comfort in times of change
- Continue to take time to read together each day
- Treasure each moment with your child – I see them growing up so fast!

INTERMEDIATE INTERNET SAFETY

Last quarter I had the opportunity to talk to students about Internet safety, as well as proper cell phone and other media technology use. I used a presentation from the Netsmartz Web site that I would like to share with you and your families. The teens and tweens presentation was excellent and the students were greatly affected by the information provided. Many students were taking a step back and thinking about some of the choices that had made online or mistakes made with their cell phones. Please take some time to use the following links to download these presentations to share with your family. There is a special parent presentation, along with presentations for your younger students that is geared towards kindergarten through fourth grade. The presentations are e-mailed to you so that you can download them and use them as often as you like. Please take some time in the next few months or over your break to raise your own awareness and talk with your family to come up with a plan to utilize technology properly and safely.

<http://www.netsmartz.org/index.aspx> and <http://www.netsmartz.org/Presentations>

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WATER DAY

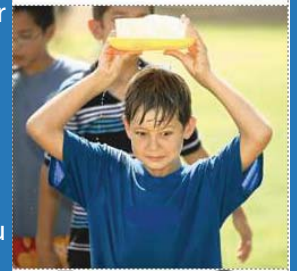
HCLC students will have the opportunity to participate in Water Day on June 8th. This is a day we all go to the field to participate in some fun water games. Intermediate School Water Day schedule includes 20 minutes for changing and runs from 12:40 - 2:15 p.m.

We encourage students to bring a water bottle, towel, and a change of clothing. Students will not be allowed to wear white or other inappropriate clothing. Other arrangements will be made for students dressed inappropriately.

If you are a parent with some free time and you don't mind getting a little wet, we invite you to join in the fun! We need volunteers to help us fill buckets, help run games, and monitor outside of changing areas. Please contact your classroom parent coordinator if you would like to help out.

For more information or questions, please feel free to contact your child's physical education teacher at (480) 659-3100 or send them an e-mail.

Water Day



June 8

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

- This quarter we will have a buy one, get one free book fair to say "thank you" for your continued support! Every single item at the book fair will be buy one, get one free! Please join us any time May 17-20, from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be a great time to stock up for summer reading!

- Starting May 1st, Scholastic will kick off their Summer Reading Program. As you may know, last year HCLC helped break the world record for most minutes read and we were listed in the Scholastic Book of World Records 2010. This year we would like to participate again! It is simple and does not cost anything! You simply log on to the Web site: www.scholastic.com/summerreading. Sign up, find our school, read a book and log your minutes read. Check back often to log minutes, play games, fun reading challenges (where you can earn bonus points), contests and age appropriate book lists for parents, as well.

- The Battle of the Books is grades 5-6 vs. 7-8! Students, with their group, read all 12 pre-selected books. Groups compete by answering questions about these books. Winning groups (four from 5-6 and four from 7-8) advance to the final competition. Classroom competition is the week of May 24, and final competition is May 28th!

CAMP HORIZON!

Summer will be here before you know it, so plan ahead and be prepared! We would love for you to include Club Horizon as part of your summer break planning. Here at Club Horizon the children are our number one priority, and we want to make the best of their time away from the classroom. We are committed to making this summer break safe, as well as fun for all of your children and our staff. This summer break is going to be a great opportunity for your children to interact with their friends, while allowing them the chance to make new friends.

The summer break is going to be quite warm, so in an effort to keep your kids safe from the sun, our field trips will be mostly indoors. We will have the opportunity to cool ourselves off by getting wet on our water days, which will be held under our wonderful shade canopy in the Elementary Courtyard. Aside from staying out of the direct sunlight, your children will have the enjoyment of an inflatable water slide, along with snow cones to keep them cool from the summer heat. In addition to our amazing field trips, your children will have the chance to do arts and crafts, play with board games, and use different areas of HCLC for indoor sports and games.

We look forward to starting the summer off right, so come join us and make this summer a memorable one. The rates start at \$30 per day if scheduled in advance, and \$35 per day if payment is received after the due date. We are open from 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. Included in the daily fee is a morning and afternoon snack, as well as supplies for arts and crafts. Club Horizon wishes you a fun and safe summer break, and hopefully you can spend some of that time with us. If you have any further questions about our summer program, or Club Horizon in general, please feel free to contact Club Horizon Director Sal Aguilar at sal.aguilar@horizonclc.org.



FALL 2010 HORIZON WEAR FALL LINE

ON SALE NOW!

Order through May 13th!

Pick up your order at Meet the Teacher!

[Click here for the order form!](#)



SAVE THE DATE: VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

Tuesday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room

Invitation coming soon!

2010-2011 LUNCH PROGRAM

Pre-order 1st Quarter Lunches from May 13-27!

Look for exciting new menu items!

Form available soon!

May 2010 Volunteer of the Month:

REGINA ANDERSON

Congratulations and thank you!