

# Horizon Honors Intermediate School News

August 2010

## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL LAURA WANSTREET

Welcome and welcome back! Summer break is always a great time for me to relax and be with my family and the time off rejuvenates all of us. I hope you had time to enjoy your children and thank you for sending them back to us!

My name is Laura Wanstreet and I am the Principal of Horizon Honors Elementary. The Elementary School is made up of our Primary School (PS) - Pre-K through 4th Grade and our Intermediate School (IS) - 5th and 6th Grades. I have been with HCLC for over 11 years. I taught for several years in district, private and other charter schools before coming to HCLC in 1998. Some of you may recall I taught K-1 (Kindergarten and 1st Grade multi-age combination) and 4-5 (4th and 5th Grade multi-age combination). I was a Team Leader, Mentor Teacher and Master Teacher prior to becoming the Elementary Principal in 2007. I look forward to meeting our new families and welcoming back returning families.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can usually find me each morning in the foyer in front of the Elementary Office, but I can also be reached by phone at (480) 659-3005 or by e-mail at [laura.wanstreet@horizonclc.org](mailto:laura.wanstreet@horizonclc.org). You can also stop by my office.

As we begin a new school year, I have some valuable bits of information to share. For example, it is important to read (or re-read) our HCLC Student Handbook. A copy of the Handbook can be [found on our HCLC Web site](#). There are also copies in the Elementary Office or in your child's planner (grades 3-6). Whether this is your first year with a child attending HCLC or you have been around since the beginning, it is important to read this document at least once each year. I know I am reminded of so much each time I read it.

Some other important things to remember:

**Parent Volunteer Training:** Join us on Tuesday, August 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in our Multi-Purpose Room for our Parent Volunteer Training. This is designed for all HCLC parents and will outline volunteer opportunities within the classroom and all around the school. If you are planning to volunteer, and I KNOW you are, I will see you at the training.

**Coffee Connection:** Come and meet other HCLC parents at the Coffee Connection. The first one this school year is scheduled for Friday, July 30th at 8:15 a.m. in the Media Center. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents from your child's class and more! Coffee and goodies will be provided.

**ILP Conferences:** Remember to sign-up for your ILP Conference. ILP Conferences are scheduled for August 12th and 13th. The article on page 2 will tell you more about what the ILP Conference is and how you can prepare. Remember, students are not in school on ILP days.

**Wellness Week:** The week of August 16th is our first Wellness Week. Wellness Week is designed to promote nutritional eating habits, keep our bodies moving and promote a healthy lifestyle. Check out the article on page 3 for details on Wellness Week!  
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## Upcoming Events

Parent Volunteer Training:  
August 3 @ 8:30 a.m. in MPR

Chess Exhibit during lunch:  
August 4

Lunch Program Begins:  
August 5

ILP Conferences (NO SCHOOL):  
August 12-13  
Call (480) 659-3100 to schedule

IS Intramurals Begin:  
August 16

Fall Pictures:  
August 18-19

Chess Club Begins:  
August 18

Curriculum Night:  
August 19 @ 5 p.m.

IS Movie Night  
August 20 @ 3 p.m. in MPR

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

## ADVISORY TOPICS

Week of August 2:  
Correct Planner Use

Week of August 9:  
ILP Prep Process

Week of August 16:  
Fit For Life

Week of August 23:  
Backpack & Binder

Week of August 30:  
Note taking Skills

## FROM PRINCIPAL LAURA WANSTREET CONTINUED...

**Curriculum Night:** New to Elementary this year! On August 19th at 5 p.m. we will have our first Elementary Curriculum Night. Come to your child's classroom to walk through your child's day at school, learn about each subject area and gain insight into his/her school experience.

**PowerSchool:** We have a new student data system replacing EagleNet this year. PowerSchool will give you the same access to your child's information including attendance information, grades and assignments. Your login information will be available at your first ILP Conference.

Again, welcome. I look forward to seeing you and working with you and your children. I hope you are as energized as our staff is to begin a new school year and reminded of the reasons you continue to make HCLC your school of choice.

Together we will make this the best school year ever! Thank you for your continued support!

Laura Wanstreet

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## ILP - INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN

### What is an ILP?

An Individual Learning Plan (ILP). It is a plan designed for each student each quarter and includes a list of learning outcomes the student is expected to achieve by the end of the quarter. This list will serve as both a visual indicator of progress and an agenda for personal conferences with the student's teachers and parents. Progress on the learning outcomes will be noted on the PowerSchool program. The final level of achievement on each learning outcome will be a part of the student's ILP. ILPs are developed each quarter during a student/parent/teacher conference. The conference includes a review of the student's progress and goals for the upcoming quarter. Participation in the ILP conference is required. Students might not be promoted to the next grade level without this involvement.

### How can you prepare for your child's ILP conference?

Make note of your child's academic and social strengths and areas they struggle. What do you see when you are working with them at home? This will be important information as you work with the teachers to develop the ILP.

First quarter ILPs are scheduled for August 12th and August 13th. Call (480) 659-3100 to schedule your conference. Students are not in school on ILP days, but should come with their parents to their scheduled ILP conference.

## DROP OFF & PICK UP

Your support is needed to keep our community safe! Please use the traffic flow maps [found on our HCLC Web site](#) when picking up or dropping off your child. You may also choose to find a parking space and walk in. These are the only two safe and legal options.

- Pull forward to allow for other cars to drop-off & pick-up – if there is space ahead of you, please fill it
- Drop-off & pick-up at the curb - Do not drop-off or pick-up from the far lanes
- Refrain from using your cell phone in the pick-up line – maximum attention is required for everyone's safety
- Have your child's name and their classroom clearly marked in your car window
- Attend to the staff members managing traffic in the lot
- If you have a child dismissing at 3:15 p.m., please pull around or park if you arrive prior to 3:15 p.m. If you are waiting at the curb it is holding up the traffic line

Please also note that stopping and/or parking on Frye Road is illegal. It also creates a frighteningly unsafe situation for our students and their families. As cars stop along Frye, a back up of traffic is created. Some people choose to pass on the left and this is another unsafe and illegal practice. The Phoenix Police have issued tickets for both of these violations. The area is marked and "No Stopping" signs are posted.

Thank you for your support and diligence in this matter. Each one of us has a responsibility in keeping our community safe.

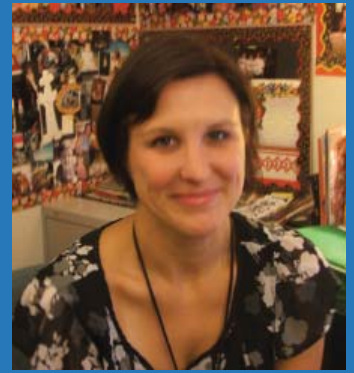
## IS STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

During first quarter, IS Student Council has several events scheduled. On August 20, we will be hosting our first social -- Movie Night! There will be a minimal cost of \$1 per student. Snacks will be provided. The movie title will be announced in the coming weeks.

We will also be coordinating a community service project to support our school community. Student Council representatives will help the K-6 students to become active participants and better the elementary school. We will also be conducting elections for officers within the Student Council. Watch for a list of elected representatives and officers in a future newsletter!

## MEET STUDENT ADVISOR MS. K!

Welcome to another exciting year filled with amazing learning opportunities! My name is Kelly Kowalczyk, otherwise known as "Ms. K.," and I am the Primary and Intermediate School Student Advisor. I am here to provide extra support and resources for our students. My interactions with students range from small groups that deal with life stresses (family/divorce separation, death, social difficulties), to reading a book and presenting a lesson, and even just observing and interacting with students in the classrooms. You may even see me in traffic directing cars and helping you to pick up your child.



This quarter, I will be in your child's classroom to present lessons and share books that highlight our school's values, leadership standards, and support our school's goals. The students are always encouraged to share with their families what they have learned and many have even checked out the books that I have read so they can share them with you. My goal is to keep you updated through PowerSchool so that you can talk with your child about what they are learning in the classroom and you can begin to learn more about our school's values, our leadership standards, and continue on the journey of our school goals: LEARN, BELIEVE, DREAM, and DARE!

## FITNESS FOR LIFE & WELLNESS WEEK

HCLC is participating in a national health program called Fitness for Life: Elementary School. Beginning in August, we will conduct a Wellness Week four times a year, once every quarter. During each Wellness Week, the entire school will be participating in physical activity and nutrition programs designed to promote lifelong health and fitness. Components of Wellness Week include classroom activity breaks using specially prepared videos that enhance our students' fitness, nutrition programs in the classroom, special school wide events and celebration activities.

Our first Wellness week is scheduled for August 16th. The themes for our first Wellness week are:

Physical Activity Theme - daily moderate physical activity

Nutrition theme - eat fruits and vegetables

During Wellness Week we will include activities each day including "Eat Well Wednesday" and a K-6 team activity on Friday. You will receive more information from your child's P.E. teacher as the week approaches!

## MEET THE MASTER TEACHERS!

**Who greets the students and parents in the morning, presents at parent orientations, attends Summatives, is a resource for parents, and supports classroom teachers?**

A Master Teacher!

**What is a Master Teacher and who are they?**

A Master Teacher is a teacher of teachers. They lead professional development for the different grade levels and teams, providing demonstration lessons, coaching, and team-teaching to classroom teachers. The role also includes working with the principal to create and institute an academic achievement plan. They also partner with the principal in sharing the responsibility of interacting with students and parents.

**Who are the Master Teachers at Horizon Honors Primary School?**

Tamra Shaw (top photo) is the Master Teacher for Kindergarten through Second Grade and special area teachers. Mrs. Shaw has taught at HCLC for four years and was the Kindergarten Mentor Teacher for the last three years. Christi Burdette (bottom photo) is the Master Teacher for Third through Sixth Grade teachers, in addition to the special area teachers. Mrs. Burdette has been part of the HCLC team for 13 years, and for the last six as a Master Teacher.



# SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH  
AT



Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this great event!

Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing and silent auction or make a day of it and also play a round of golf. There is something for everyone to enjoy!

Registration forms will be mailed to you the week of August 30th and will also be available on our Web site.

**Interested in getting involved?**

Contact Mona Volden, Parent Partnership Director,  
at (480) 659-3098 or at [mona.volden@horizonclc.org](mailto:mona.volden@horizonclc.org).

We have Eagle Day volunteer opportunities this month! Join us!

Golf Committee Meeting on Monday, August 9th at 7 p.m. in the Elementary TAP Room.

OR

Silent Auction Committee Meeting on Monday, August 9th at 8:30 a.m. in the Parent Partnership Office.

# WE INVITE YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

We have volunteer opportunities that will fit your passion and your schedule. Get involved and be a very special part of your child's school, a volunteer!

## What is the definition of a "HCLC Volunteer"?

A person wishing to make a commitment to their child's education by getting actively involved in their child's school by donating their time to a volunteer program.

### HCLC Volunteer Training

**Elementary parents-Tuesday, August 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in the MPR**

**Middle School and High School parents-Thursday, August 5th at 8:15 a.m. in the Media Center**

### I want to volunteer. What do I do?

- #1. Complete the 2010-11 Parent Survey that was sent to you via e-mail.
- #2. Complete the 2010-11 Volunteer Application and turn it into an HCLC Office (this form was in your summer mailing and can be [found on our Web site](#)).

### Below are a few ways you can get involved with the school right now!

#### Volunteer Lunch Program

Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from approximately 11:10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. This lunch program begins Thursday, August 5th. Volunteers deliver packaged lunches to K-4 classrooms and distribute directly to 5-12 students.

#### Art Masterpiece

Do you enjoy art? Do you have a favorite painting or sculpture? Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that happens only one or two times a month? Then Art Masterpiece is the place to be! Art Masterpiece runs during the second and third quarters. Time, length and frequency vary. You don't need an art degree; all you need is an interest in art! **Our first Art Masterpiece Meeting is scheduled for September 1st at 8:40 a.m. (location TBA).**

#### Staff Appreciation

Help us thank the HCLC staff for everything they do and enhance their workday! Come join the fun! **Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th at 8:30 a.m., in the Parent Partnership Office.**

#### Spring Fling

Work to organize, promote and produce Spring Fling 2011 on April 29, 2011. Come be a part of this school-wide carnival! The first committee meeting will be announced soon!

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## HELP HCLC BLOOM!

Have you visited our Recycling Garden? The items you bring in for our recycling programs can be dropped off at the Recycling Garden, which is conveniently located in the Elementary foyer in the East Wing. Be sure to stop by the next time you're on campus!

### The following are items needed to help our Recycling Garden bloom:

- ink jet cartridges - HCLC receives \$2 for each cartridge
- laser jet cartridges - HCLC receives \$3 for each cartridge
- paper recycling - just drop off your newspapers, magazines, junk mail, etc. directly to the green and yellow recycling bin located at the northwest corner of parking lot.

**August 2010 Volunteer of the Month:**  
**LISA DERR**  
**Congratulations and thank you!**