

Horizon Honors Intermediate School News

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A NOTE FROM LAURA WANSTREET

Notes on EagleNet

EagleNet is an online software application that allows students and their parents access to student information. Users have the ability to see attendance information, grades, and assignments. Each person using EagleNet is assigned a unique login name and password. These unique logins ensure the retrieval of specific information relating only to the individual user.

To ensure you are able to utilize all that EagleNet offers, I have collected a few tips for you to try or review the next time you log on:

When you initially log on to EagleNet you will see the "Week of ____" page for your child. If you have more than one student enrolled in HCLC you will see all your children's names in the blue column on the left. Make sure you click on each child's name. The "Week of ____" page is specific and individualized for each child. The "Week of ____" page will give you general HCLC information on the top left and attendance records for the week on the bottom left. The top right will show the assignments for the week. The bottom right shows the events of the week. By clicking on the blue words anywhere on EagleNet, you will be able to see more details. If you see the word "Attachment" - you are able to click on the word and be taken to an attachment. You will need to click on the blue words on the window that to open the attachment. Use the scroll bar at the right of each section to see more information. You can also navigate to the next week or the previous week by using the blue bar on the top of the "Week of ____" page.

EagleNet is also a place where you can check your child's real time grades. Click on your child's name on the left. Next, click on "Grades". You will see a list of all your child's subjects. Classes labeled 'A' are for 1st Semester and those labeled 'B' are for 2nd Semester. Click on a subject to see the grades recorded for that subject. Your child set a personal goal during their ILP Conference. To see progress toward that goal and feedback on classroom behavior, click on the class name under "Grades". This will take you to the feedback grades for your child's personal goal and overall classroom responsibility.

The column on the left will also take you to information for ongoing attendance records, Family Fees, and your EagleNet preferences. Preferences is the place where you can change your EagleNet password. Under family fees, please know that the penny fees are for internal use and can be ignored.

If your family is new to HCLC this year, and you have not picked up your EagleNet user information, you can do this at our HCLC Main Office (west of the flagpoles). If you are a returning HCLC family but do not have your password, you can request your password be sent to you by filling out a form in either office or sending an e-mail to eaglenet@horizonclc.org.

EagleNet is another tool we can all use to communicate, stay informed and ensure our students are progressing toward their ILP goals. If you have any questions about how to use EagleNet or about information you see on EagleNet, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, a master teacher, or me.

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Upcoming Events

Labor Day (NO SCHOOL):
September 7

Picture Day Re-Takes:
September 24

Eagle Echoes & Beg. Band:
September 24 @ 6 p.m., MPR

Horizon Harmonies & Int. Band:
September 24 @ 7:15 p.m., MPR

Book Fair:
September 28 - October 1

5-6 Summative:
October 1

Fall Break Begins:
October 5

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

ADVISORY TOPICS

First quarter Intermediate School Advisory topics will include writing and evaluating personal goals. Students wrote personal goals during their ILP conferences. These goals were focused on social development. Throughout the quarter, the students will learn more about setting SMART Goals (S= Specific, M= Measurable, A=Attainable, R= Realistic, T= Timely). They will also meet with their Advisory teacher to self-reflect on their progress toward their individual goals.

GOT MUSIC?

Have you had your music today? Come on out and hear the HCLC Bands and Choirs perform their first quarter concerts. Concerts are held in the Multi-purpose Room and are free. Come enjoy some wonderful music and support your Performing Arts students.

- Magnum Chordum, Bella Voce, and Dolce Voce will be performing on September 22 at 7:15 p.m.

- Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will perform on September 23 at 6 p.m. followed by Symphonic Band and Cantabile at 7:30 p.m.

- Eagle Echoes and Beginning Band will be performing on September 24 at 6 p.m. with the Horizon Harmonies and the Intermediate Band performing on the same evening at 7:15 pm.

Language Arts & Technology

We have many exciting things planned in Language Arts and Technology. To begin with, we are reading "The Labors of Hercules," and diving into mythology and fables. Students will use their reading response journals to apply the literary elements to their reading selections. We are also building stamina while reading to ourselves and to others. Word study will continue weekly with a skill, proofreading, and word test. A variety of writing genres will also be covered this

quarter, including expository, functional, and the five paragraph essay. For the six traits of writing, our focus will be on the traits of ideas, organization and conventions. We are very excited to begin using the MAC computers, and students will create a Web page about their contraption building process in Project Group. We are looking forward to a great quarter and a wonderful year with your children. We are off to a great start!

DRAMA PRODUCTION UPDATE

Over two days, 84 students crowded into the Performing Arts hallway to audition for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Congratulations to Horizon Honors High School students who will be performing in the upcoming production: Elias Roth, Armani DelFranco, Danny Mejia, Kaivan Mayelzadeh, Spencer Miller, Ian Murphy, Ian Larson, Robert Baker, Esteban Vega, Blair Brownlie-Edward, Daniel Hahnke, Sage Greenawalt, Joshua Garrett, Ashlee Bahr, Kai Woods Decker, Olivia Bennett, Samantha Miller, Natalie Bell, Savannah Steward, Faith Busk, Kaitlyn Hofmann, Taryn Davidson, Kelly Stinnett, Tess Hernandez, Lexi Spitzer, Kacie Moss, Abie Palicki, Alexandra McMellon, Anya Hernandez, Erik Larson, Adam Cloutier, Taylor England, Brittney Farrow, Adeena Hender-Brown, Bryce Gressley, Connor Guell, Jessica Maroon, Jessica Pasbrig, Danny Pareti, Brian Kirschgessner, Katie Sacco, and Stephanie Yamamoto.

Also extend congratulations to: Sara Skromme, Student Director; Alex Block, Tech Director; Samantha Miller, Dance Captain; Faith Busk, Vocal Captain; Teresa Messmer, Stage Manager and the Tech Crew.

Students in grades 5-8 who are also performing include: Mackenzie C., Zane G., Tyler D., Phillip B., Emma L., Bennett W., Naeema P., Darby B., Manu K., Abbey F., Dollie W., Danielle M., Caitlin S., Paige L., Tylo T., Zanda R., Michael M., and Leah S.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Don't miss out on purchasing your Yearbook! This year the Yearbooks can ONLY be purchased online, so no order form is available. Please visit <http://www.horizonclc.org/yearbooks> to order yours today!

The PreK-6 Yearbook is a 48-page, black and white, hard cover book that includes special events and classroom moments. All students photographed during Fall Photo Days are included in the book. The cost is \$20.

If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office at (480) 659-3000.

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING

The Fall Book Fair is September 28 - October 1. The fair is designed to help kids and parents find age-appropriate books. Proceeds provide new books to the Media Center, classrooms, and teacher resources.

The Fall Book Fair will be open the following dates and times. Please note we are also open during some of the evening Summative events:

Sept. 28 - 7:45 a.m.- 4 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.

Sept. 29 - 7:45 a.m.- 4 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.

Sept. 30 - 7:45 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Oct. 1 - 7:45 a.m.- 4 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.

Classes will visit the fair during their regular Media Center time. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Mindy Duet.

HOMEWORK NOTES

"The important thing is not to stop questioning..." - A. Einstein

As you recall, last month we began a series of articles about homework for our students and how you can make the best of this time at home with your child. We feel homework is an extension of school and should consist of opportunities to read for enjoyment, explore, be creative and have choice. Students should also have opportunities to communicate with families about their learning experiences. As we continue our exploration and implementation of homework, we would like to share ideas about exploration, creativity and choice and how they all relate to curiosity.

Curiosity is about having an interest in the world around you. It involves the desire to know more, learn more and question. Children are naturally curious. From the moment of birth, they explore, question, wonder and learn by doing. Many adults are weaned away from curiosity and are driven more by routine, but even as adults, when we are curious about something, we want to explore it! When we can freely explore things we are curious about, motivation is through the roof! The question is: How do we keep and continue to develop children's natural curiosity and harness it to enhance social and academic learning? What can teachers and parents do to foster curiosity?

The most useful tool for the curious mind is inquiry. Ask questions, encourage questions, answer questions. Model curiosity for your child and move your child's thoughts along with questions. Look closely at anything and everything. Ask: What is it? Why is that here? Where did that come from? How does it work? When your child asks you questions, share your ideas, but encourage him to look and think deeper by asking, "Where can we find out more about that?" or "Let me show you a book (Web site, photo) I know." Or "Maybe Grandma has an idea about that, let's call her and you can ask her."

When working with your child at home on family discussion questions, share your thoughts and ideas with your child. If the question asks, "What is the setting in the book you are reading?" your child should be able to answer, but you can share the setting from the book YOU are reading also. Model for your child detailed descriptions and novel ideas. For other content area questions you might ask: "How can we find out more about that?" or "How can we show what you have created?" or "What more would you like to explore on that topic?" Students are encouraged to bring in and share anything they have found or created to share with their teacher and classmates and the ideas from the questions often pop up in the classroom the following day. Your conversations at home will spark ideas your child can share during classroom discussions.

By continuing to foster curiosity we are helping children develop an open mind, be excited about learning, increase their awareness of the world around them and build self-confidence. The more creative children are and the more ownership they have, the more successful (and happy) they will be. To find out more about why curiosity is important, what curiosity is and how to further develop it, check out:

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Curiosity---What-it-is,-Why-it-Matters-and-How-to-Develop-it&id=560152>

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/bruceperry/curiosity.htm>

<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/productivity/4-reasons-why-curiosity-is-important-and-how-to-develop-it.html>



PRESENTS



Join us for Dinner, Silent Auction, Dancing and Golf
Saturday, November 21

Dinner, Silent Auction and Dancing

Register September 1-30

Couples \$45

Single \$25

Golf, Dinner, Silent Auction, and Dancing

Register September 1-30

~~\$185~~ per person (last year's pricing)

\$85 per person **WOW!**

Register October 1-30

Couples \$50

Single \$30

Register October 1-30

\$99 per person

\$340 per foursome

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Tournament Sponsor



Dinner Sponsor \$2,500 - Available

Tee Sponsor



Putting Green Sponsors \$500 – Available

Driving Range Sponsors \$500 – Available

Hole Sponsors \$300 - Available

Shop and Help HCLC

There are many easy ways to support HCLC! Just shop at your favorite store that have customer programs where a percentage of your sales will go to the school of your choice.

Fry's – Link your Fry's VIP card to HCLC (000000 113397). This program begins September 1. Fry's pays \$500 for every \$50,000 shoppers spend (up to \$2,000). It's easy! Just link your VIP at the cash register.

Albertson's - Link your Albertson's Community Partners Card to HCLC (4 90001 06177) at any register.

Safeway – Link HCLC to the Safeway Program by going to www.escrip.com, and click “members” in the left corner. You will be asked for an e-mail, phone or Safeway card number. You will then be logged in if you are already registered as a member and all you have to do is renew. If you are not already a member, you can sign up using the HCLC number which is 6622007.

Target - Target's Take Charge of Education Program donates 1% of Target Visa and Target Guest Card purchases made at Target or at Target.com and .5% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere. If you already have a Target Visa card, just designate HCLC (1824) by calling (800) 316-6142, going online to www.target.com/tcoe, or visiting your local Target store and stopping by their kiosk. This program has no dollar cap.

Box Tops for Education



Save the Box Tops for Education Logo from products and drop them office in each Kindergarten through 6th grade classroom, in either school office or at the Parent Partnership office.