

Horizon Honors Middle School News

March 2010

FROM PRINCIPAL NANCY EMMONS

We are well on our way to completing the 2010-2011 school schedule and we are so excited about the many wonderful things to come! Our terrific 6th and 7th graders are returning for next fall and we are going to have very openings for new students to Horizon Honors Middle School. We are also very lucky to have such outstanding Middle School faculty. Both of these factors help us continue a solid tradition of Middle School academic, social excellence and leadership.

Congratulations to our Girls Softball team, our Boys Basketball team, and our Spiritline on their fantastic season.

Please remember that Middle School students will be taking AIMS tests April 13-21 and we need 100% of our students present, so please try to schedule all appointments after-school or during different weeks.

We have many more academic, social, and athletic activities planned for this spring. Keep up the great work!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Fair:
March 8-11 in Media Center

Spring Break (NO SCHOOL):
March 15-24

ILP Conferences (NO SCHOOL):
March 25 & 26
Call 480-659-3000 to schedule now!

Fourth Quarter Begins:
March 29

Performing Arts Exhibition
Auditions:
March 30-April 1, 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

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

UPCOMING ATHLETICS

Complete athletic schedules for Girls Basketball and Baseball can be found on on the [HCLC Web site](#).

INTEGRATED STUDIES THANKS

Integrated Studies would like to thank all of the parents who have recently volunteered in our classroom. The puppets would like to thank you, too!

Mrs. Wagner &
Ms. Emmons

FROG OLYMPICS

In celebration of the Winter Olympics, Pre-Algebra and Math 7 have competed in the "Frog Olympics." In doing this, we have taken a break from the textbook to work on some review of math facts. We used this activity to practice finding the mean, median, and mode of sets of numbers. The students created origami frogs of various sizes and also homes for the frogs to stay in when not competing. After all the frogs were created we had opening ceremonies and then the games began. The frogs competed in three events – long jump, high jump, and tricks. After the events were completed the students were assigned the task of finding the mean, median, and mode of the long and high jumps for each frog. The top three winners in each event received medals during the closing ceremonies. The students really had a lot of fun creating their frogs, training the frogs, and competing in the events. They got very creative in choosing which size frog they wanted and if they wanted to have different frogs for each of the events. They were also given the opportunity to color and decorate their frogs, which resulted in some very cute and creative looking frogs. After they completed the events and their homework we had a discussion about the mean, median, and mode and we also talked about how the different sizes of frogs seemed to affect the outcome of their jumps.

Susan Holweger

WHAT IS GOING ON IN NJHS?

With the NJHS selection process underway, applicants will be notified of their selection status the week of March 29th. The National Junior Honors Society Induction Ceremony will be held the night of May 11th. Meanwhile, current NJHS members continue go down to HCLC's staff daycare and Club Horizon's Kindergarten Room to read to the kids there as part of their "Reading Buddies" program. The students have also done community service at the Village Oaks, an assisted living facility, by decorating the dining hall for holidays, such as Valentine's Day. In April, students will decorate Village Oaks again for Easter. The residents there greatly appreciate NJHS's work!

MIDDLE SCHOOL AHTLETICS UPDATE

Girls Softball

This year's team was led by captains Kalli Koehnemann and Bailey Volden, who help lead the team to a 7-3 record. Raelani Miyagi led the team in pitching with 41 strikeouts. Jordan Lippens and Diana Carlson led the team in hitting to power the offense in to scoring over 12 runs a game. Horizon Eagles Girls Softball should be proud of such a strong and successful season!

Coach Dave and Coach Jessica

MS Spiritline

The Middle School Spiritline had a blast this year! We traveled all over the valley to cheer on our MS Eagles to 11 victories! We got our own home crowds revved up by dancing to Hot n' Cold by Katy Perry, and rockin' to the Hoe-down Throwdown by Miley Cyrus. I couldn't be more pleased with all the effort and enthusiasm the team had this year! Way to go Girls!

Coach Benedict

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Third quarter music concerts are here! All concerts will be held in the Multi-Purpose room and begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Intermediate Band and Concert Band will perform on March 1
 - Bella Voce & Magnum Chordum will perform on March 2 at 6 p.m. and Dolce Voce and Cantabile Honors Chorale will perform on the same evening at 7:15 p.m.
 - Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will perform on March 4.
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Practice, Practice, Practice

Auditions for the Performing Arts Exhibition are immediately after Spring Break and are approaching more rapidly than many students believe. Now is the time to be preparing! Auditions will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on March 30, 31 and April 1. This is an excellent opportunity for our 5th - 12th grade Performing Arts students to showcase their special talents by performing an instrumental or vocal solo, preparing an ensemble piece, or presenting a drama monologue or ensemble scene. The Performing Arts Exhibition will be held on April 8 at 6 p.m. in the MPR.

ASU Lyric Opera Theatre Field Trip

Last month, Cantabile and Magnum Chordum went to see a performance of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at ASU. The students had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. On March 4, our Dolce Voce and Bella Voce students will be attending a performance of "Cinderella." This is another special student performance made available through grants at ASU's Lyric Opera Theatre. It is a great opportunity for our vocalists to hear live performances at a semi-professional level!

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

The Media Center will hold the Spring Book Fair from March 8-11. The Scholastic Book Fair is designed to help kids and parents find age appropriate books. Proceeds from the book fair provide The Scholastic News to classrooms and new books to the Media Center, classrooms, and teacher resources.

The Spring Book Fair will be open the following dates and times:

March 8 - 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 9 - 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. & 5 to 8 p.m.

(Kindergarten Summative)

March 10 - 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. & 5 to 8 p.m.

(1-2 Summative)

March 11 - 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. & 5 to 8 p.m.

(3-4 Summative)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Mindy Duet.

Need Community Service Hours? Stop by the Media Center and take a look at our binder full of ideas! New events added often! Sign up on your own or with a friend! Make a difference!

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Stop by the Main Office

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.

4TH QUARTER LUNCHESES ON SALE!

Fourth quarter lunches are on sale through March 4th.

Lunch order forms are available in either office or on our Web site at <http://www.horizonclc.org/docs/lunchform.pdf>

March 2010 Volunteer of the Month:
Janice Ertle
Congratulations and thank you!