



Horizon Honors Middle School News

May 2008

From Principal Nancy Emmons
Please make sure to save the date of Friday June 6th for our very special 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony! We will celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our 8th graders from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in our HCLC Gymnasium. You are welcome to invite family and friends to the ceremony. Along with this celebration we have many exciting activities going on in May. Please check the calendar in this newsletter for more information. I also want to be sure that you know we will have one more newsletter later this month to update you on the 2008-2009 dress code. Please remember that for the remainder of this school year our dress code is unchanged and students must wear non-collared shirts tucked in and no logos are allowed on shirts unless they are HCLC-approved logos. Thanks for your assistance in helping us uphold our dress code.

~Nancy

8th Grade Baby Photos Needed!
Parents of 8th graders, we need a baby picture! Each year during the 8th Grade Promotion we celebrate our students with a baby picture slide show. Any picture from birth to five years will work. Make sure we have a name to go along with the picture. We need pictures by May 20th! Pam Wagner is collecting the pictures so you can give them to her one of two ways:

1. E-mail her a digital copy of the picture at pam.wagner@horizonclc.org
2. Bring her a digital copy of the picture on disk and drop it at the Main Office.

We would rather not risk losing a photograph, so please have your picture scanned and send us the file. Several stores offer this service. If you have any questions, please e-mail Pam Wagner.

Tissues Needed!

Attention Parents! Horizon Honors would greatly appreciate your generous donations to help us get through this allergy season. Please drop them off in the Main Office. Thank you!

Middle School *Happenings*

Spring Fling

Friday, May 2nd, 5 to 9 p.m.

Social

Friday, May 16th, 6 to 8 p.m., Gym

Drama Summative

Monday, May 19th

Pecos Pool Party

Tuesday, May 20th, 12 p.m., Pecos Park

Battle of The Books Finals

Friday, May 23rd, 9 a.m., Gymnasium

Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

Monday, May 26th

Cantabile Honors Chorale, Magnum Chordum, & Honors Symphonic Band Concert

Tuesday, May 27th, 7 p.m., MPR

Bella Voce & Concert Band Concert

Wednesday, May 28th, 7 p.m., MPR

Dolce Voce & Wind Ensemble Concert

Thursday, May 29th, 7 p.m., MPR

Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Tuesday, June 3rd, 8:30 a.m.

Finals

Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th

Last Day of School

Friday, June 6th

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Friday, June 6th, 12:30 p.m., Gymnasium

ILP Conferences

Thursday, June 12th and Friday, June 13th

Drama Summative

Save the date of May 19th for the action packed Drama Summative. Each Middle School student will perform one of the roles they have perfected this semester. Some students will perform with their puppets; others in their one-act plays; and some will perform their original songs or dances. All performances are student written and directed. Watch for ticket request forms and be sure to get enough tickets for the entire family. You don't want to miss this one!

Finals Schedule

Thursday, June 5th

Block 3: 8 – 9:15 a.m.

Block 5: 9:20 – 10:35 a.m.

Block 7: 10:40 – 11:55 a.m.

Lunch & Early Dismissal: 11:55 a.m.

Friday, June 6th

Block 2: 8 – 9:15 a.m.

Block 4: 9:20 – 10:35 a.m.

Block 6: 10:40 – 11:55 a.m.

Lunch : 11:55 a.m.

8th Grade Promotion: 12:30 p.m.

Block 1 Finals will be given during regular class times on Tuesday, June 3rd and Wednesday, June 4th.

Media Center Update

As May approaches, the Media Center begins the end of the school year procedures. Students who have checked out material from the Media Center need to have everything returned before the last day of the year. Students are responsible for material with barcodes on the back of each book matching what they checked out. If any material is lost or damaged, students need to pay a fine to replace the material. Fines paid for lost books will only be refunded if books are returned before the last day of the school year. Students will begin receiving notices of what they have checked out mid-May as a reminder. If you have any questions, please contact the Media Center.

Lost and Found Reminder

Please be sure to check the lost and found collection in the Main Office on or before ILP conferences in June. After June 13th, all items will be donated to charity.

Student Council Update

Student Council has been busy working to get stuff ready for all the activities coming up in our 4th and final quarter of the year. Our 4th quarter Social is on May 16th in the Gym and it will be awesome so mark your calendars! Also, Student Council will be selling candy and popcorn at Spring Fling on May 2nd. We hope everyone is excited about the celebration events of our final quarter, because we sure are!

~Ashlee Bahr, Student Council President

Pecos Pool Party

The Middle School Pecos Pool Party is scheduled for May 20th from 12 to 2:30 p.m. Students will be able to pick up their lunch (from the lunch program) and take it with them to the pool for a picnic lunch, or students may bring a sack lunch with them. The students and staff chaperones will be walking to the pool. Students are also required to wear modest* swimsuits and must bring their own towel. Water and sunscreen is also strongly encouraged. Parents are welcome to chaperone and to donate chips, cookies and drinks for this party (please contact Mrs. Ows if interested). The permission slip, located in the back of this newsletter, is due back on May 9th along with money (exactly \$3 per student if fees have not been paid).

*Girls must wear a one-piece suit or a dark tank top over a two-piece suit; Boys must wear modest swim trunks with no boxers or underwear showing.

Battle of The Books

Battle of the Books has begun! Intermediate and Middle School students are competing this quarter in this reading competition. The competition is already underway with students reading eleven different titles over a period of five weeks. The titles are:

“Burning Up”

“Eggs”

“Heat”

“The Lightning Thief”

“Pretties”

“Prince Caspian”

“Princess Academy”

“Sepron the Sea Serpent”

“Shakespeare’s Secret”

“The Stowaway Solution”

“Rebel Hart”

Students read as many of the titles as they can 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 competition will be held during the week of May 19th to narrow down teams for the final competition on Friday, May 23rd at 9 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.

Horizon Honors Athletics Update

As we look forward to next year's Fall sports season, there are a few events and procedures that we would like to make note of so that families can be prepared. Because Fall sports tryouts for Middle School begin on August 18th, our Parent/Athlete Meeting and due date for physicals both take place within the first few weeks of school.

The Pre-Tryout Parent/Athlete Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30th in the Multi-purpose Room from 6 to 7 p.m. We require all parents and athletes interested in a Fall sport to attend. Policies and procedures will be addressed and this is an opportune time for parents and athletes to have questions answered by Mr. Keen, the athletic director.

The Physical is due by Monday, August 11th to Mrs. Tamara Heinrich, the athletic assistant, in the Main Office. The athlete must have been physically seen by a doctor within the acceptable time period set forth by the AIA, which is March 1st or after of the current year. The physical must also be recorded on the AIA physical form that can be picked up in HCLC's Main Office. The March 1st or later requirement is firm and exceptions cannot be made. Sometimes there have been issues with this time frame. For example, if your child was just given a physical in December of 2007 and a physical is good for one year, we understand that your insurance company will not pay for another one until December of the following year. But, we still cannot waive the physical date requirement set forth by AIA. If this time frame adversely affects any of our HCLC families, there is an opportunity to receive a physical from Peak Physical Therapy on Saturday, August 2nd, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost of the physical will be \$30.

Finally, all athletes need to make sure that they have signed up on the sport sign-up sheets at Mrs. Heinrich's desk within the first week of the new school year, indicating what sports they would be interested in. These lists are used to prepare the sports rosters that are given to the coaches in preparation for tryouts.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these matters and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Tamara Heinrich at (480) 659-3011.

Horizon Honors Fall Sports Middle School Coed Soccer Middle School Girls Volleyball

Important Dates & Deadlines:

Each athlete will be expected to take responsibility and be accountable for ensuring compliance with all requirements. Therefore, these deadlines are important and must be met.

Wednesday, July 30th - Pre-Tryout Parent/Athlete Meeting, Multi-purpose Room, 6 to 7 p.m.

Monday, August 11th -All Physical and Annual Pre-participation forms due to Mrs. Heinrich in Main Office

Monday, August 18th - First Day of Tryouts
• Volleyball- 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Gym
• Soccer- 4 - 5:30 p.m., Pecos Park

Thursday, August 21st - Team rosters will be announced

Friday, August 22nd - Athletic Handbooks distributed
• Handed out by Coaches at the end of practice

Friday, August 29th - Final paperwork due to Mrs. Heinrich in Main Office
• Contact Information
• Insurance Information and Waiver, Policy & Procedure
• Athletic Fee (To Be Determined – Currently \$200)

Important Information:

- 1. Practice schedules will be distributed after team rosters are announced.
2. Game schedules will be distributed during the first week of practice.
3. Please realize that practice and game schedules might change throughout the season. When this happens we will notify you as soon as the information is available.

Parent Partnership News

"Volunteers make it happen!"

May 2008

Spring Fling Carnival

Friday, May 2nd, 5 to 9 p.m.

Forgot to pre-purchase tickets?

**You can purchase tickets the day of the event from 8 to 10 a.m. in the MPR
or the evening of the event**

All-Ride Wristbands - \$20

Non-Ride Wristbands \$15

To enter the event, EVERYONE must purchase a wristband

Carnival amusement rides, inflatable rides, carnival games and much more...

- Cake Walk - win a cake, cookies or other treats from 5 to 8:30 p.m. (or while supplies last).
- Bingo! - Bingo is what you'll be hearing or yelling (if you are lucky)! Bingo cards are one Horizon Buck each. The event runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (or while prizes last). Fun for all ages.
- Art Masterpiece Exhibit - Enjoy the K-6 Art exhibit in the Multi-purpose Room.
- Entertainment - Our Middle School Radio Club will play music in the Elementary Courtyard for your enjoyment.

2008-2009 School Lunches

Pre-order your "**Early Start**" 2008-09 first quarter school lunches before summer break. The "Early Start" lunch program will begin Monday, August 6th. Order forms will be sent home in mid-May.

The "**Delayed Start**" first quarter school lunches will be available to order Thursday, July 24th, with lunches starting Monday, August 18th.

Horizon Wear

Back to school shopping made easy! The 2008-2009 fall Horizon Wear line of shirts will be available to order in May.

Volunteer of the Month

Our May Volunteer of the Month is Julie Rebello. Congratulations Julie!

Mona Volden, Parent Partnership Director
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Soaring Eagles Society Update

As of April 23rd, we have **89 participants** and **\$81,239** helping us “Make the Difference!”

Thank you!



Participation Goal: 100%

Donation Goal: \$180,000

Become a Soaring Eagles Society Member TODAY!

Member Benefits:

- Your donation helps support in part current programs and future programs at HCLC
- A special memento recognizing your membership
- Certificate of membership
- Listing of your name and giving level in various HCLC publications
- Invitations to fun and exciting member-only events.

JOIN TODAY! Donations are still being accepted. Contact Mona Volden (480) 659-3098 for details or visit <http://www.horizonclc.org/soaringeaglesociety.htm> for more information.