

Horizon Honors Middle School News

September 2010

FROM PRINCIPAL NANCY EMMONS

To compete in a knowledge-based 21st century global economy, our students are dependent upon the quality of their education. At Horizon Honors there are many successes to be celebrated, but elsewhere in our state students are falling behind their national and international peers in academic performance, high school graduation rates and postsecondary completion.

Your involvement in your child's education from birth until they choose a career is a powerful contributor to his or her success in school, work and life. In today's increasingly complex and competitive world, your support and guidance is more important than ever.

Here are a few ways you can support your child during their secondary years:
Understand the Path to Academic Success – Learning begins in the earliest years and carries through postsecondary graduation and on. There are many resources available at Horizon Honors to help parents understand each stage of your child's development and your role in supporting his academic progress.

Take An Active Role in Your Student's Education – Being involved can be anything from reading to your young child every day, helping your 8th Grader set post-graduation goals, volunteering at her school, or encouraging her to take rigorous coursework which better prepares her for success in postsecondary education, career and life. You will receive volunteer information via e-mail from our Parent Volunteer Coordinator Peggy Johnson.

Advocate for Your Student – Every student deserves to be challenged, supported and inspired at every stage of the education experience. Be a voice for your child with us and the community encouraging more rigorous standards, improved student performance and increased investment.

Help Your Child Plan for the Future – Talk to your child about his personal and professional aspirations. Help map out the coursework he will need to take in order to graduate and the postsecondary options available to help him accomplish his dreams.

Ensure Your Student is on the Path to Graduation – Nurture and stay engaged in your child's progress across the education experience. Help her hit important milestones and successfully progress through each stage of the education continuum.

At Horizon Honors, we are preparing your children for each stage of the education experience by focusing on not only the academic knowledge and skills but also the character and leadership they need to succeed in school and beyond. We know that students rise to the occasion when we expect more. Educators who set high standards for their students while providing them with encouragement and support have the ability to influence academic performance as well as college attitudes. We know we are bold in our expectations.

In the next few newsletters we will be unveiling new projects, innovations, and expectations for all of our Horizon Honors students.

Nancy Emmons - nancy.emmons@horizonclc.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Cuisine Field Trip:
September 1 and 2

Labor Day (NO SCHOOL):
September 6

Magnum Chordum & Dolce Voce:
September 14 @ 6 p.m. in MPR

Washington DC Trip Parent Mtg.:
September 15 @ 6 p.m.

Bella Voce & Cantabile:
September 14 @ 7:15 p.m. in MPR

Book Fair:
September 20-24 in Media Center

S.I.T. Meeting:
September 20 @ 1p.m. in Media
Center Conference Room

Wind Ensemble and Concert
Band:
September 22 @ 6 p.m. in MPR

Symphonic Band:
September 22 @ 7:30 p.m. in MPR

Picture Day Retakes:
September 23

Fall Break Begins (NO SCHOOL):
September 27

UPCOMING ATHLETICS

*Complete athletic schedules for
Volleyball and Soccer can be found
on the [Horizon Honors Athletic
Web site.](#)*

**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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DETENTIONS

Remember that detentions are issued for many reasons in Middle School. Make it your personal goal to receive zero detentions this year by being in dress code, acting respectfully, and following the school rules. If you do get a detention, please remember the following:

- Detention starts at 12:25 p.m. sharp. If you are late you will receive a second detention!
- Detention is held in Room 102 (Mrs. Owes' Room)
- Bring academic work. It is not chill time!
- Use the restroom and heat/get your lunch before coming to detention. You cannot leave once you come to detention
- Three detentions is a referral to Mr. Tamburino

Have a happy and detention-free school year!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS

The following are the Middle School Clubs for the 2010 - 2011 school year:

NJHS (National Junior Honor Society)

Sponsor: Lisa DiChiara

Radio/Video Club

Sponsor: Pam Wagner

Fitness Club

Sponsor: Laura Owes

Student Council

Sponsor: David Faulkner

Yearbook

Sponsor: Nicole Rulnick

Performing Arts

Sponsor: Laura Emmons

Community Service

Sponsor: TBA

Y.E.L.P.

Sponsor: Mike Sissel

DIY WORKSHOPS = FALL BREAK FUN!

Staying home during Fall Break? Looking for some fun and educational activities? Look no more! Join other HCLC students in the DIY Workshops. During Fall Break, students will participate in stimulating and creative projects that integrate science and math with engineering and construction. The DIY workshops will tap into a student's creativity, problem solving and leadership skills as they work to design, create and implement cool contraptions.

Workshops include:

Rocket Building

Mousetrap Car Races

Hand-made Musical Instruments

Mechanical Toys

Electronics

Jewelry Making

There are three different times to choose from, and workshops run from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pick up a registration form in a HCLC Office. Choose one, two or all three workshops, but don't delay! Space is limited! For more info [contact Chris Cook](#), High School Mathematics/Physics Teacher.

FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Please come out and support our Volleyball and Soccer teams as they begin official competition this month. [Schedules can be found on the school Web site.](#) Go Eagles!

"GREAT TO SEE THE TEACHERS IN ACTION!"

The title of this article was just one comment shared after "A Day in the Life" event on August 17th. Other comments included "This was different than any other event I have attended at Horizon Honors" and "The high school is no longer a mystery for us."

"A Day in the Life" is a new event, created in response to parent feedback indicating a desire to feel more welcomed. Horizon Honors' response was the creation of two new events this year. "The Eagle Experience" was held on July 22nd to give families a picture of the various academic, extra-curricular, and club activities. "A Day in the Life" was then created to give a new twist to Curriculum Night.

Overall, parents appreciated the opportunity to see all the classrooms and hear each teacher share his or her approach to teaching. This event was definitely well-received and we hope to see even greater attendance next year.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Auditions for the Performing Arts Exhibition are immediately after Fall Break and are approaching quickly. Now is the time to be preparing! Auditions are 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on October 12, 14 and 15. 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 October 21st.

Have you had your music today? Well we've got your daily allowance all set! 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.

- Magnum Chordum and Dolce Voce perform on September 14 at 6 p.m.
- Bella Voce and Cantabile perform on September 14 at 7:15 p.m.
- Wind Ensemble and Concert Band perform on September 22 at 6 p.m. followed by Symphonic Band at 7:30 p.m.
- Beginning Band and the Intermediate Band perform on September 16 at 6 p.m. with the Eagle Echoes and Horizon Harmonies performing on the same evening at 7:15 p.m.

Save the dates for the drama productions:

"Arsenic and Old Lace"

November 5th @ 3:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. in MPR
November 6th @ 7 p.m. in MPR
November 12th @ 3:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. in MPR
November 13th @ 7 p.m. in MPR

"Bye Bye Birdie"

April 8th @ 3:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. in MPR
April 9th @ 7 p.m. in MPR
April 15th @ 3:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. in MPR
April 16th @ 7 p.m. in MPR
Auditions - Selected roles available for Intermediate and Middle School Students. Auditions are December 13-15.

MS WASHINGTON DC TRIP!

Be one of the first Middle School students who travels with Smithsonian Student Travel (part of EF Tours) to Washington DC with Horizon Honors Middle School! We are in the planning stages of a brand new opportunity for MS students during Spring Break 2011.

Join us at the parent meeting on Wednesday, September 15th at 6 p.m in Mrs. Barden's Room. For questions, [contact Mrs. Barden](#).

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING

The Media Center Fall Book Fair is September 20-24. The fair is designed to help kids and parents find age-appropriate books. Proceeds from the fair provide new books to the Media Center, classrooms, and teacher resources.

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

September 20-24 - 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AND

September 20 - 5 to 8 p.m. (during 5-6 Summative)

September 21 - 5 to 8 p.m. (during 1-2 Summative)

September 23 - 5 to 8 p.m. (during 3-4 Summative)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please [contact Mindy Duet](#).

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



**DINNER, SILENT AUCTION, & GOLF
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH**

AT



**ARIZONA GRAND
RESORT®**

**Register by September 24th for the best pricing!
This event will sell out so register today!**


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! Proceeds benefit HCLC's Digital Excellence Campaign, which raises fund to increase the level of technology at all grade levels.

Registration brochures will be mailed to HCLC parents on Monday, August 30th and are available in either office or on our Web site.

Interested in a tax deduction?

Sponsorships are a big part of the success of our event.

Sponsorships currently available:

Tournament Sponsor - 

Dinner Sponsor - \$2,000

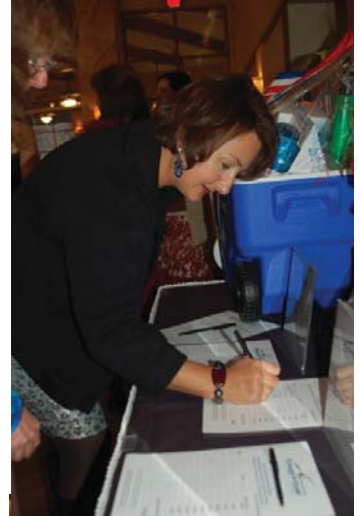
Tee Sponsor -



Hole Sponsors - \$250

Have questions? Interested in getting involved?

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



THANK YOU!

The Parent Partnership Office has been a buzz of activity. Our tireless volunteers have been very busy organizing the lunch program, starting our various committees, and helping out in the classroom. It's an amazing place to be anytime of year! Stop by the office, located in the Elementary Offices, and see what the buzz is all about! We'd love you to get involved. Thanks to each and every person who has and will continue to be such an important part of your child's school - A VOLUNTEER !

SECOND QUARTER LUNCH FORMS

The second quarter lunch order form will be sent home with your child on Thursday, September 2nd. The form is also available online. Deadline to order is Thursday, September 16th.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Congratulations to the following parent volunteers on the 2010-2011 School Improvement Team (S.I.T.):
Horizon Honors Primary School - Brenda Covarrubias & Ranee Fear (Alternate)
Horizon Honors Intermediate School - Regina Anderson
Horizon Honors Middle School - Teri Engelbrecht
Horizon Honors High School - Jessica Hernandez & Hilda Quintanilla (Alternate)

The School Improvement Team (S.I.T.) is a group of parents, teachers, students, and administrators that make recommendations to the Leadership Team and School Board. This year, the team will discuss and create solutions for increasing parent involvement at HCLC. Members were chosen by lottery on August 18. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings. Check the Event Calendar on the Web site for meetings dates and times.

ART MASTERPIECE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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 September 1st at 8:40 a.m.

LUNCH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Thank you lunch volunteers, we couldn't do it without you !

Gayle Gaine	Sheryl Houle	Barb Brady	Melissa Lemme
Donna Drake	Stephanie McNally	Dave Heiberger	Karin LaScola
Barbara Weeman	Gail Lesio	Peggy Johnson	Martina Allen
Valerie Romano	Angelique Blanco	Wendy Fitzgerald	Erin Villani
Tami Jackson	Tracy Rao	Kathy Lundine	Angie Gunderson
Karen Vigesaa	Janice Ertle	Laurie VanHook	Regina Anderson
Christine Grayson	Lisa Derr	Rachea Reece-Pepplez	

September 2010 Volunteer of the Month:
NATASHA PIZORNO
Congratulations and thank you!