

# Horizon Honors Primary School News

March 2010

## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL LAURA WANSTREET

### Your Child's ILP Conference

This school year is really moving right along! I find it so hard to believe that the end of the third quarter is upon us. Our students and teachers are busy preparing for Summative and completing their third quarter assessments. All of this information helps to determine the goals for your child's fourth quarter Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

After Spring Break, you and your child will be meeting with classroom teachers to identify and discuss your child's goals for the rest of the school year. ILP conferences are a vital time for you to gather information from your child's teacher and for the teacher to gather information from you and your child. Some important questions to ask/discuss are:

- What is my child's greatest area of strength?
- Is my child working at grade level? Above? Below?
- What are my child's specific goals in each academic area?
- What can I do at home to help my child meet his/her goals?
- How can my child develop as a leader?
- Are there any volunteer opportunities I could be a part of?

Parents often ask: "Do I have to come to the ILP Conference? I can see my child's grades on EagleNet and I don't really have any questions." My response is always the same. The ILP is a conference, a document and a roadmap. Academic and social goals are set for your child and your input is important. No one knows your child like you do, and no one has as much influence. Talk to your child before the conference and ask him/her the questions as well. Ask your child if there is anything specific they would like to talk about. If the teacher says something you do not understand or if you have any questions about what you have discussed, please do not hesitate to ask. A strong partnership between school and home is essential to ensure your child's educational success.

ILP Conferences for K-6 are going to be held on Friday, March 26th and Monday, March 29th. If you have not signed up for your fourth quarter ILP Conference, please call Jeanette or Kim in the Elementary Office at 480-659-3100 to schedule your appointment time. Have a fun and safe Spring Break and we will see you and your child at your ILP Conference.

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## Upcoming Events

New Student Lottery:  
March 2 @ 6 p.m.

Spring Fun Run:  
March 8  
3-4 @ 8:40 a.m.  
1-2 @ 10:40 a.m.  
Kindergarten @ 2:15 p.m.

Book Fair:  
March 8-11 in Media Center

Kindergarten Summative:  
March 9

1-2 Summative:  
March 10

Music in Our Schools Performances:  
March 11 @ 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m.

3-4 Summative:  
March 11

Spring Break (NO SCHOOL):  
March 15-25

ILP Conferences (NO SCHOOL):  
March 26 and 29

4th Quarter Begins:  
March 30

## School Values Schedule

Week of March 1st:  
Trustworthiness

Week of March 8th:  
Self-Discipline

Week of March 30th:  
Involvement

## BOOK FAIR!

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.

# What's Happening in Kinder?

This quarter we were learning all about how the sun makes our day. We used the scientific method to explore, experiment, and learn about our Earth, the sun and shadows. As we are in the final preparations for our first Summative, we are excited to unveil our Kindergarten Science Center on Tuesday, March 9th. The

experiments featured in the Kindergarten Science Center were created and tested by our amazing Kindergarten scientists. Please feel free to come and join our Kindergarten scientists as they take you through the steps and stages of how the sun makes our day.

## AIMS SCHEDULE

The AIMS DPA & Stanford 10 are scheduled for the first few weeks of fourth quarter. Please do not extend your vacations or schedule appointments during these weeks. Our goal is 100% participation.

Our Schedule is as follows:

AIMS DPA Writing (Grades 5-6) - Tuesday, April 13

AIMS DPA Reading & Math (Grades 3-6) – Thursday, April 15

AIMS DPA Reading & Math (Grades 3-6) & Stanford 10 (Grade 2 Only)\* - Monday, April 19

AIMS DPA Reading & Math (Grades 3-6) & Stanford 10 (Grade 2 Only)\* - Tuesday, April 20

AIMS Science (Grade 4 Only) - Wednesday, April 21

Tips to help your child prepare:

- Successful test-takers tend to be students with good attendance, homework, and study habits; therefore, your child's daily assistance with homework and attitude toward school have the biggest impact on their overall performance – which will naturally include the tests!
- Students who struggle the most on testing days are the ones who didn't have enough sleep or a good breakfast the day of the test. Rest up and eat healthy!
- The Arizona Department of Education is a wonderful resource. Check <http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/> for parent guides and sample tests.

\*Please Note: Stanford 10 Dates are one week later than originally published.

## MARCH IS MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

To celebrate the gift of music classes here at HCLC, a special concert will be presented on March 11. The show will include exciting selections performed by the Beginning Band and a lively musical featuring the Eagle Echoes and the Horizon Harmonies. Friends and family are encouraged to attend any of the three performances: 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 1 p.m. See you there!

# HCLC Soaring Eagles SOCIETY

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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](mailto:mona.volden@horizonclc.org).

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## 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!**