

Horizon Honors Primary School News

April 2010

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL LAURA WANSTREET

Proposition 100

Arizona's state revenues have fallen to 2004 levels. However, in just those few years, the state has added 150,000 additional K-12 students. Think about that for a moment. These new students could fill 5,000 classrooms. The numbers represent 2010 problems and 2010 responsibilities.

The revenues derived from Proposition 100, a temporary, 3 year, one cent sales tax increase, shall be credited to, and separately accounted in, the state general fund and appropriated as follows:

- 2/3 of the revenues shall be appropriated for public primary and secondary education. (Yes, HCLC will receive some of this money!)
- 1/3 of the revenues shall be appropriated for health and human services and public safety purposes.

Public school will receive an estimates \$700 million for the sales tax increase. The monies will help cover the state's budget shortfall. If the special ballot measure does not pass, there will be significant impact on education funding, which would definitely impact HCLC.

Early ballots will be sent on April 22 for this special election. You may also go to your local polling station and vote on May 18.

If you are not yet a registered voter in Arizona you must register by April 19 to vote in the election. There are some easy ways to get registered:

1. You may register to vote online using [Service Arizona EZ Voter Registration](#).
2. You may [obtain a printable form online](#) and mail the form to the county recorder.
3. You may request an Arizona Voter Registration form by phone from the county recorder.
4. You may visit the county recorder and complete an Arizona Voter Registration form in person.

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MUCHIAS GRACIAS!

Spanish teachers Mrs. Hankins and Mrs. Armenta would like to thank all students and families who participated in the Project Cure donations drive for relief in Haiti. Collectively we donated dozens of diapers, formula, and medical supplies that will benefit many families in need. Your hard work and dedication to raising awareness about Haiti earthquake victims and providing relief are legendary. Thank you again for your tremendous support in making this drive a success!

Upcoming Events

K-4 Skateland Event:
April 6, @ 5:30 p.m.

Grades 1-4 Bowling Field Trip:
April 7 - Mr. Burdette
April 8 - Mr. Mixer

"Music Man" Tickets on Sale:
April 12

Kindergarten Field Trip:
Phoenix Zoo
8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
April 14 - Lewis & Shaw
April 15 - Benforado & Reid

AIMS/Stanford 10 Testing:
April 15-21

Spirit Week:
Week of April 26
Monday - Favorite Outfit Day
Tuesday - Mismatch Day
Wednesday - White Out Day
Thursday - Hero Day
Friday - HCLC Spirit Day

"Music Man" Performances:
April 22-24 @ 3:30 & 7 p.m.,
MPR

Spring Fling:
April 30, 5-9 p.m.

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

School Values

Schedule

Week of April 5th:
Strong Work Ethic

Week of April 12th:
Truthfulness

Week of April 19th
Integrity

Week of April 26th:
Loyalty

WELCOME TO SPRING! DRESS CODE REMINDERS!

A few specific reminders:

- Shorts and skirts will be no shorter than the fingertips when the hand is extended at the side while standing straight
- Shirts will be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck
- Headwear will be worn outside the building. Caps will be worn with the brim facing forward

What's Happening in 1-2?

What a year of growth we've had so far. It is truly amazing to see the progress 1st and 2nd grade students can make in such a brief amount of time. It is hard to believe our year is coming to a close, fortunately, fourth quarter promises to be an exciting time in 1-2.

This quarter during Project Group, we will be talking about economics and how we can create a modern "MainStreet USA." Our students will have the opportunity to become entrepreneurs. Throughout the quarter, the students will use their creativity and teamwork to develop a new product, service and virtual Web site for a specific storefront. These budding business people will learn how to produce, market and sell their product and service culminating in our virtual mainstreet expo on Friday, June 4th.

During reading this quarter, we will be

exploring and identifying a variety of literary series. The students will be comparing and contrasting literary elements such as plot, setting, character, and cause and effect.

In math this quarter, the students are focusing on money, geometry, and some very exciting computation skills! The students will become "math masters" as they strive to memorize their math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

1-2 has some terrific events coming up in fourth quarter! All classes will be implementing a classroom management system using "1-2 Bucks." They can use their "Bucks" at a classroom store and auction throughout the quarter. Students will also have the opportunities to share with reading buddies, participate in V.I.P. events and Fun Friday Lunches.

AIMS AND STANFORD 10 SCHEDULE

The AIMS DPA and Stanford 10 tests are scheduled for the first two weeks of April. 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) - Monday, April 19

AIMS DPA Reading & Math (Grades 3-6) & Stanford 10 (Grade 2) - 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!
- 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 AZ Department of Ed. is a wonderful resource. Check on: <http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/> for parent guides and sample tests.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Technology students have been developing their skills as movie makers. During the fourth quarter, students will continue to use keyboarding programs to improve accuracy. When possible, please encourage your child to practice their keyboarding skills at home. Students will have assignments in Technology that support their classroom projects. First and Second Grade students will be introduced to the Microsoft Office Publisher. Third and Fourth Graders will be using the Inspiration Program as they research natural disasters.

Our goal in Technology is for students to continue to develop and build skills that can help them to achieve academic and social excellence. Participation in class activities, the demonstration of leadership, and responsibility are important aspects of our technology program.

WELL, YA GOT TROUBLE!

Yes, ya got "TROUBLE" and many other memorable classic melodies as Horizon Honors marches to the tune of "Seventy-Six Trombones" in "The Music Man," a traditional musical ready to be enjoyed by the whole family during the six show run beginning April 22nd.

"The Music Man," Meredith Willson's affectionate tribute to Small Town, U.S.A. and a bygone era, follows the fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he attempts to con the stubborn 1912 lowans into buying expensive instruments, uniforms, and instruction books for a boys' band that he vows to organize - this despite the fact that he doesn't know "one note from another." With his spellbinding ways, "Professor" Harold Hill convinces the town that unless they adopt his revolutionary music program, the youngsters of River City will be forever doomed. The obstinate nature of the citizens of River City seems to vanish under the spider's web and give way to the themes of hope and transformation until chaos ensues as Hill's credentials are questioned and he is called upon to prove himself to be a respectable man by curtain's fall.

Guarantee your seat today! Because of the high demand for tickets for previous productions, we have increased the number of shows! The Music Man opens Thursday, April 22nd with a matinee performance at 3:30 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. evening performance. Matinee and evening performances will also take place at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 12th and are available in either school office or from any cast member. Seating is limited – the fall shows were all sold out. Get your tickets early during pre-sales. Any tickets remaining from pre-sales will be sold at the door 30 minutes prior to each performance.



SPRING FLING TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Spring Fling 2010

Friday, April 30 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Tickets on sale April 1st-15th

TICKET ORDER FORM AVAILABLE NOW!

\$13 - all-ride wristband (pre-sale price)

\$8 - non-ride wristband (pre-sale price)

To enter the event EVERYONE must purchase a wristband. **Prices increases 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.

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April 2010 Volunteer of the Month:
Carole Ellenberger
Congratulations and thank you!