

News On The Horizon

From the desk of our Interim Executive Director, Mrs. Mendoza

Dear Horizon Academy West Families and Community,

We are pleased to announce that we have governing council approval for reentry into hybrid pending site visit certification from the PED. We have opted to begin reentry on March 8, 2021 to allow for any follow ups needed by the site visit inspector. This will also give families two weeks to make child care/drop off and pickup arrangements for those that chose onsite learning. Teachers are already onsite this week preparing their rooms as they continue remote instruction. Next week will have some asynchronous days on February 23-24, 2021 in preparation for conferences and to allow some time to work in classrooms and get the campus ready. February 25, 2021 will be a no school day for students but conference day for families. Attached you will find the hybrid plan with detailed information. Please reach out to administration with any additional questions. We will also provide a new drop off and pick up map and instructions to families this coming week so everyone can learn the new procedures. We look forward to seeing all our onsite students back on campus in the near future. Remember to help your children practice wearing masks and the importance of social distancing as part of the requirement for remaining in onsite cohorts. We know it is going to be a wonderful change for everyone. Thank you so much for your patience and hard work this year supporting your children in their education as the teachers provided remote instruction. We know it takes a village on any given day, but especially during the pandemic.

We appreciate each of you.

Respectfully,

Fatima Mendoza

2021-2022 Sibling Enrollment

We are taking applications for the upcoming school year for new students . New students include siblings of currently enrolled students. Again, this is for siblings that will be new to HAW starting August 2021.

To guarantee your child's spot for the upcoming school year, an application will need to be submitted no later than March 22nd, 2021. This is for **NEW** students who have siblings currently enrolled at HAW. Please go to hawest.net, and the application can be found on the first page of our website.

Intent to re-enroll for currently enrolled students will be done online as well as through our website. More information regarding that date will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Also, spread the word that Horizon Academy West is taking applications for the 2021-2022 school year. We want our community to continue to grow.

If you have any questions regarding sibling enrollment, please email Angelica at abaca@hawest.net.

Thank You!!!

Horizon Academy West would like to thank our families that have provided donations during the pandemic to help us prepare for opening our hybrid model. Additionally, we'd like to thank our wonderful PTO for your collaboration and willingness to support our staff and students during these unprecedented times.

From the desk of our Social Worker, Mrs. Gallegos

Zones of Regulation

Let's continue to help our student's identify which zone they are in. First I want everyone to think of the Zones as a traffic light (keep that vision in your brain).

Green means "good to go" or like what Mr. Milinazzo says "ready to rock and roll!" In this Zone one is feeling happy, focused, calm and ready to learn.

Blue Zone- (think of the rest area sign when on the highway)-we are feeling sad, under the weather, bored, tired. In this Zone we still have control over our behaviors and emotions but we still need a tool or strategy to give us a boost or energy.

Yellow Zone-Yellow means slow down. We are feeling scared, upset, annoyed, grouchy, silly, crabby, frustrated, nervous, excited. This is where we need to use a strategy so we don't go into the Red Zone because you are real close to Red when in this Zone.

Red Zone-You are feeling mad, out of control, yelling, aggressive, mean, terrified. When we are in the Red Zone we need to STOP right away. We need to hit the breaks because at this point we have lost control of our behaviors and emotions. We need to stop and think so that we don't do something that is potentially dangerous or we make some unexpected decisions. In the yellow zone we are losing control and in the red zone we have lost control.

These are the 4 Zones! The tricky part is figuring out what zone we are in and "How am I feeling!"

One of the great ways to figure out how we are feeling is to tune in and figure out what is happening in your body (heart racing, sweaty palms, red face, yawning, wiggly, etc)

Stay tuned for more in the next newsletter! Again my goal for the HAW community is for all of us to use the same language. The consistency between home and school will help our kids immensely. Please reach out to me if you'd like to learn more.

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Virtual Time With Friends

Next Wednesday, February 24th we will not be having VIRTUAL TIME WITH FRIENDS. We will meet again on Wednesday, March 3rd. This will be the last time we will meet since we start our hybrid model on March 8th. I plan on continuing this time with students who are staying in the remote learning model. More information about that schedule will be available soon. Please email me if you need the link for Wednesday, March 3rd.

PreK and Kindergarten 1:45-2:05

1st grade 12:45-1:05

2nd grade 11:30-11:50

3rd grade 11:55-12:15

4th grade 2:10-2:30

5th grade 1:10-1:30

Andrea Gallegos

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Dean of Students

Nurses Corner

It seems like most of us have an overscheduled life, kids included at times. Here are some tips to help with that. Make time for play, whether it's a board game together or in the backyard or park. Make sleep a priority. I find it helps to set up a nighttime routine; electronics off, wash up for bed, read a little etc. Listen to your bodies and teach your kids to do the same. This is a big one: Manage stress, this looks different for everyone. Some examples are exercise, journaling, and meditation. Find what's right for you and your family and make that a priority. Remember our kids watch what we do so we must lead by example.

Stay Well,

Ms. Jolene

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST HYBRID REENTRY –3/8/2021 – pending Site Visit

ONSITE LEARNERS: COHORT A

- Monday/Tuesday Onsite
- 7:40am-1:30 pm daily
- 7:40-8:15 am staggered arrival: drop off at cones at cafeteria doors only/ Breakfast and Focus time in classroom
- 1:30 Dismissal:
- PreK/K park in front and line up on social distancing circles at PreK playground gate.
- 2nd-5th pick up in vehicles at back drive through. Pick up at cones by new field.
- Siblings may go to K/1 area (to youngest sibling) and wait on social distance marker outside classroom.
- Walk ups may request park and pick up in the front from administration.
- Remote learning 1:30-3:30 pm for all students. Pull-outs and additional online asynchronous activities; live zooms for remote students.
- After-School CREW Program available at a cost for limited students– see website at hawest.net.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Lunches will occur in the cafeteria in staggered schedule to allow for disinfecting. Free breakfast and lunches continue for remainder of school year.
- Recess will be by classroom cohort in specific location.
- Remote meals available for pick up between 9-11 am on Mondays at cafeteria doors for all students in addition to onsite meals.
- If this abbreviated schedule does not work- please consider continuing remote option.

*****There will be a 2 week remote learning period after Spring Break to allow for quarantine due to travel. Students return onsite on April 12, 2021 after spring break.**

ONSITE LEARNERS: COHORT B

- Wednesday/Thursday Onsite
- 7:40am-1:30 pm daily
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- 1:30 Dismissal:
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100% REMOTE LEARNERS: COHORT C

- Remote learning Monday-Thursday 7:40-3:30
- Core instruction provided by teacher during scheduled Zoom times.
- Connecting with Remote students for up to 1 hour between 1:30-3:30 pm (teacher will provide schedule)
- Continue Pull out links after 1:30 pm and asynchronous activities. Families may order and pick up REMOTE MEALS on Mondays between 9:00-11:00 am through drive through at cafeteria doors.
- Follow remote learning protocols: Be dressed, be a participant, find a space to work and learn, ask questions for clarification
- Pull out classes (Art, PE, Library) will continue through video links at the end of the day.

*****Special Education schedule to come soon.**

ON SITE PROTOCOLS

- Students and staff wear 2 layer masks at all times. Students unable to wear masks due to health or behavior may choose to continue remote learning during hybrid model.
 - o Face shields may be used IN ADDITION to masks.
 - o Masks may not have vents.
 - o Gaiters are not permitted.
 - o It is encouraged that students have solid colored or patterned masks to limit distraction. This will be at the teacher's discretion. Students will be provided a disposable mask for the day when necessary.
- School uniforms:
 - o Due to the late reentry please abide by solid pants/skirts and solid color polos for the remainder of this year in lieu of our typical colors. Jeans with HAW school spirit shirt or solid polos on Thursdays.
- 6 feet social distancing when possible. Stay on floor markers while walking/standing inside the school.
- Increased hand washing by all. Increased sanitizing of surfaces by teachers and staff. Students may use soap and water and/or hand sanitizer. Do not send your child with individual hand sanitizer as it may not follow specifications.
- **All students must have water bottles.** We have purchased a reusable bottle for each child. Please label with child's name right away. Water fountains/sensor water bottle stations will be used to refill water bottles as needed.
- Staff and students are expected to self-screen (families assist students) each morning PRIOR to coming to work/school for the following symptoms:
 - o Fever or chills
 - o Cough
 - o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - o Fatigue
 - o Muscle or body aches,
 - o Headache
 - o New loss of taste or smell
 - o Sore throat
 - o Congestion or runny nose
 - o Nausea or vomiting
 - o Diarrhea
- Staff and/or students with symptoms will be isolated in our EMOJI room and sent home.
- Temperature checks of staff and students each day. Temperature of 100.4 or above must go home immediately. Students will be isolated as necessary in EMOJI room until they are picked up from school.
- No visitors and no volunteers allowed except for assistance in coverage and approved by administration.
- The only food allowed for students to bring to school is personal lunch and snacks. Birthdays and other celebrations will not include food/treats. This will be a permanent shift to follow our school health and safety plan.

CREW

- Students will be able to stay for study hall from 1:30-3:30 pm until CREW hours begin on the day their cohort attends.
- Horizon will be providing a limited CREW program. There is limited space for the CREW Program. Please visit the website for more information.

PARKING/STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICKUP

- Drive through drop off at the back cafeteria doors beginning 7:40-8:15 am when duty teachers remove parking lot cones. **DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY INTO PARKING LOT AND BLOCK CARS.** Students must exit vehicles at the cafeteria drop off zone between orange cones only. Front parking lot must park and walk on social distancing circles. Use crosswalks please. Doors open at 7:40 on both sides.
- Back gates will open when students are ready for dismissal from the field at 1:30.
- Drive through pickup at back field for grades 2-5. Students must load vehicles at the cafeteria loading zone only.
- Parking lot/Street parking in front for grades PreK-1st grade and siblings
- **NO DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP ALLOWED IN THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.** Please enter back drive when duty teacher removes entrance cone.