

From the desk of our Executive Director, Mrs. Cantrell

Dear HAW Community,

Happy Thursday! Our 3-5 grade students completed the required state testing in Language Arts, Math, and Science this week. Due to the pandemic, this was the first time the majority of our 5th graders took a standardized test and we are so proud! This specific test was redesigned in the last few years. It is not a pass/fail test. And, we do not receive funding based on performance. So, how do we use the data? We will share individual student data with families. This information allows teachers and families to continue to work on specific concepts with each child. We look for gaps in concepts at all grade levels, which allows us to continuously improve our programming and curriculum that we offer all students. If you have any questions about standardized testing, give us a call. Bottom line is that it is not designed to be the “high stakes” testing that it used to be. And in my opinion, that is a great thing!

Each year, parents participated in the Opportunity to Learn survey developed and offered by New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED). This year, the NMPED is replacing the survey with Youth Forward Survey for classroom educators, parents and students. The survey was created in order to give valuable feedback to NMPED about what students need, beyond their test scores. Please take a minute to take this survey. The survey is anonymous and we will not see individual responses. It takes approximately 10-15 minutes and can be taken on any device. If you have questions about the survey, please email matthew.martinez1@state.nm.us or mandi.torrez@state.nm.us. The link for the survey is open until May 9 through this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/yforwardfs22>

Registration information has been sent via email for next school year. Thank you to all those that have already completed the registration process. If you have any questions regarding the link for your child or any of the information, please call Ms. Sabrina as soon as possible, 998-0459.

As we head into May, please encourage your child to continue to work hard. Attendance is still important until the very last day. We also have some fun events planned to end our year. Watch for more information! Thank you for your partnership. We are grateful for an amazing school community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantrell

- Father-daughter dance- May 12th- See more information below from PTO
- Staff Appreciation Week- See more information below from PTO
- Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts still has openings for incoming 6th graders for the 2022-2023 school year. Call Jordan Franco if interested 681-3536
- SHOUT OUT to our amazing community!! HAW won second place in the Chick-Fil-A Battle of the Schools. Our school gets a \$200 catering credit for our staff. Thank you all for your support.

HAW BEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

We love sharing the great things our students are doing in the community. It is especially nice when we can relate it to our BEARS PLEDGE.

Students can be recognized in our newsletter by emailing information and photo to agallegos@hawest.net.

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST BEARS PLEDGE

HAW B.E.A.R.S.

Be brave in everything you do

Eager to learn

Achieve your best

Respect yourself, others, and your environment

Show kindness to all

**SCHOOL
YEARBOOK**

Limited number of yearbooks are still available. Please contact Ms. Sabrina in the front office if you are interested. Yearbooks will be distributed the week of May 16th.

Ms. Martin's 3rd grade class completed their BEAR BONOS poster this week. Congratulations!!



INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Parents/Guardians,

We are still required to follow the NMPED Covid-19 Response toolkit, if your child is experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 please keep them home and call or email me here at the school for guidance. An update from the toolkit as of 3/10/22: If your child tests positive, they are required to quarantine for 5 days at home and they must wear a mask for days 6-10. I do have rapid antigen testing available for all students who are asymptomatic, symptomatic and that have been exposed to Covid-19, please contact me for details. Lastly, if your child experiences seasonal allergies please contact your child's doctor for a note for the school. Allergy symptoms mirror Covid symptoms and without a note on file your child will need to do a Covid test or quarantine for 5 days of showing symptoms. If you have any questions regarding any of this information please contact me at 505-998-0459 ext. 142 or jrael@hawest.net

Stay Well,
Mrs. Jolene

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Hello HAW families,

The NMPED Attendance for Success Act focuses on supportive strategies for helping students attend school. We appreciate your partnership in prioritizing student attendance.

Please continue to call our office when your child will be absent in addition to communicating with your child's teacher. Let me know if I can support you in any way with getting your child to school on time and having him/her attend regularly.

Respectfully,
Andrea Gallegos

sponding Secretary and Recording secretary. If you are interested in either of these positions, please send in a letter of interest to our email at hawpto@outlook.com and make sure to include your contact information, we will be sending out more information at a later date.

Thank you,

Horizon Academy West PTO



PTO@HAW
PRESENTS

Sweet Celebration

AT OUR
ANNUAL

Father-Daughter DANCE!

Horizon Academy West
@hawpto



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MAY 12 6:00 PM

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE
2121 EDITH BLVD NE 87102
DINNER SERVED FROM 6-7PM DANCE 7-8:30PM
\$25 per couple \$5 each additional guest

*This event is non-refundable.

*Tickets will not be sent home, there will be a list at the door.

PLEASE RETURN FORM REGARDLESS OF PAYMENT TYPE AND CASH (EXACT AMOUNT ONLY, NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN) OR VENMO @HAWPTO BY MAY 5TH.

Student Name/teacher



Monday

We "LOVE" our Teachers & Staff
Wear red to flood our school with love and give a heart cutout with one kind word to describe them.



Tuesday

Thank you for helping us Grow!
Bring or draw a flower or plant.



Horizon Academy West

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 2-5

Wednesday

You are a Superhero in disguise!
Dress like a teacher or staff member, or wear your favorite superhero shirt!



Thursday

Let's "TACO" bout how amazing you are!
Write a note expressing how thankful you are for them, or share something they have done for you.

PTO will be providing a catered Taco lunch to all teachers and staff!



Appreciation week is for ALL of our HAW staff, please don't forget the front office, nurse, custodial, cafeteria workers, etc. Show them how much we appreciate them for all that they do in all areas of our school!



Hi everyone. I have a big announcement! 😊 we are going to have an End of the year Art Show!! 🎉👏👉 yay! This is the first time in two years that we've been able to have our Art show, so please come out and check out the awesome Art that your children have been working on this year. The Art show will be on Thursday May 19th, at 4:30 to 6:00pm, in the Cafeteria. PTO will have snacks and drinks 😊

This week I chose students from kindergarten, they are Penelope Escobedo, from Mr. Carlton's class, and Paisley Scott and Aria Pacheco from Mrs. Stoffan's class! Great job students 🙌👏👉

Everyone have a wonderful and creative weekend.

Ms. Whatley



INFORMATION FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER, DONNA GALLEGOS

As parents it is our job to encourage and help our children to stay active. There is mounting evidence that moderate daily activity helps boost a child's critical thinking skills, grade point averages and standardized test scores. Of course exercise is good for children's bodies, and too much screen time does not promote a healthy mind or body. This can lead to obesity, sleep problems, chronic neck and back problems, depression anxiety and lower test scores in children. Screen time should be limited to 1 to 2 hours per day only. I would encourage all parents to look into these summer programs available around the city of Albuquerque.

Not only will it promote getting some exercise but during COVID some kids had limited social interactions and are needing to brush up on some skills!

If you're looking for youth summer programs, camps, or classes please check out this website. Some of the registrations are by lottery and some begin on May 2nd so please plan ahead. These programs are free or low cost and the registration date and programs vary. The website is updated regularly and it shows a lot of great opportunities. Please take advantage of these programs for your children.

cabq.gov/summer#year-round-out-of-school-time-program

If you have trouble with website go to cabq.gov and in the search bar search for 2022 summer youth events and

Saturday, May 7th

10:00 am– 2:00 pm

Midtown Public Health Office

2400 Wellesley Dr. NE

(enter on east side of building)

Includes all school-required immunizations plus COVID-19 vaccine

(COVID available for 5-year-old and up)

Open for any school aged

Parent/Guardian must be present

Required Immunizations for K-12:

- 4 or 5 doses of Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP)
 - 3 doses of Hepatitis B (Hep B)
 - 3 or 4 doses of Polio (IPV)
 - 2 doses of Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)
 - 2 doses of Varicella
 - 2 doses of Hepatitis A (Hep A)
- **Additional required immunizations for 7th-12th grade entry:**
 - 1 dose of Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP)
- 1 dose of Meningococcal (Men ACWY) (required 7th-9th grade; recommended 10th-12th)
 - 2-3 doses of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Not required; highly recommended)

Bring your child's immunization record if available

No cost (bring insurance information if covered)