

May 26, 2022

# News On The Horizon

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## From the desk of our Executive Director, Mrs. Cantrell

Dear HAW Community,

And just like that, we are at the end of our year of teaching and learning. Despite the challenges, I declare this year a complete success. I couldn't be prouder of our community.

Like you, I spent the last few days thinking about the horrific school shooting in Texas. Parents, educators, and students feel so helpless and saddened about the random violence in so many communities. We continue to assess safety on our campus and continue to plan for all types of emergency situations. Each morning we recite our Bears Pledge where respect is encouraged and celebrated. Please know that we also encourage our students to say something if they see or hear something. Our counselor, Ms. Joyce Hodges, is always available to talk or provide resources to your family as you navigate and speak to your child about these tragedies.

Our official summer office hours are 8:00-12:00 Monday through Thursday. If you need something after hours, leave us a message or email us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Summer learning is so important and your Summer Learning Challenge is here! Check out the Tic Tac Toe Board for more information. There will be a treat for all who return the challenge in August! Good luck! Send us pictures of your summer adventures and I will post them on Facebook this summer.

Thank you to our dedicated and passionate teachers and staff for a job well done. Thank you to our supportive HAW families for your partnership. And thank you to the BEST students on the planet who bring joy to my life each day. Until we meet again in August, enjoy the summer months and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantrell

### 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



## END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS!

Our Sunshine Committee celebrated Ms. Jolene and Ms. Isabel this week. They will not be returning next year. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Donna Gallegos. She has been our social worker and she will not be returning next year. We wish them all the very best!!



## MESSAGE FROM DONNA GALLEGOS, SOCIAL WORKER

Dear HAW families,

I would like to share that I am not returning to Horizon next year. I am grateful to have been a part of the HAW community. Thank you for allowing me to get to know your children. As I reflect on my time at HAW, I value all the relationships I've created over the years with staff, students and families.

Sincerely,

Donna Gallegos

## END OF THE YEAR FUN

Mrs. Schmid's second grade class had a great time making tie dye shirts. They look like they are ready for the THIRD GRADE!!!



## GUEST SPEAKERS FOR CAREER DAY

Ms. Serna and our Student Council organized guest speakers to come talk to students for Career Day. The Canine Unit & Bomb Unit came to visit our school on Monday, May 23rd. This was a big event for the students! There was a lot of excitement, & a long line to pet the dog! A big shout out to Mrs. Keeling who was our contact person and made this event possible!



## 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. We will continue this recognition next year.

Students can be recognized in our newsletter by emailing information and photo to [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net).

## NM-MSSA (Math & Reading) and NM-ASR (Science) State Test Results

If you had a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> Grader this year, they took the State Tests for Reading and Math (Science too if they're a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader). Because the State is establishing new baselines for student performance this summer (since we haven't tested for a few years due to the pandemic), there will be new cut scores for Novice, Nearing Proficiency, Proficient, and Advanced. They expect to release scores for your child's tests on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**. Next school year they expect to have State Test scores available 10 days after the testing window closes. **Thank you for your patience!**

\*If you had a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader this year, ask their middle school for login information in the Fall so you can see their scores! If you had a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Grader this year, we will give that info to you near the time when scores will be available.

Kathy Young

District Test Coordinator

## Learning About Fossils In Kindergarten

Students in Mrs. Stoffan's class learned about what Paleontologists do with engaging hands-on learning experiences.



## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

A big shout out to everyone who were able to make it to the Art Show! I'm very proud of all the art work that your children did in my class and their home room classes. I think that the show was a big success!! Thank you to everyone that helped and special thanks to PTO for all the great snacks and drinks! Also I want to tell everyone how much I have loved teaching Art to your children. They are my favorite Artists!



Have a great summer!  
Ms. Whatley

Dear HAW Students,

Summer is a great time to learn new things! Your challenge is to complete this tic tac toe board. Bring this board back to the "Meet and Greet" in August and you will receive a treat! Have fun and stay safe!

Love,

Mrs. Cantrell

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Horizon Academy West Charter School

Summer Learning TIC TAC TOE Challenge

<p>Take a trip to the zoo or museum or aquarium. Take a selfie or picture of your favorite thing from that trip and write about one new thing you learned on that trip.</p>	<p>Use flash cards for 10 minutes a day for 2 weeks to practice your math facts.</p> 	<p>Write a poem or song about something you like to do in the summer time. Share your poem or song with a family member or friend.</p>
<p>Track the weather temperature for the month of June. Circle the highest temperature and put a box around the lowest temperature. Challenge: What is the average temperature for one week of June?</p>	<p>Read 4 books by the first day of school. Choose one book and draw a picture of your favorite scene. Write one or two sentences describing that scene.</p>	<p>Make a paper airplane. Toss the airplane 15 times and measure how far it went each time. Create a graph to keep track of your data.</p>
<p>Bake or cook with a family member. Practice measuring the ingredients. Write down the recipe to share with your new classmates.</p> 	<p>Find 3 new playgrounds to explore before the first day of school. Take a selfie or picture of your favorite playground.</p>	<p>Write a letter to your new teacher. Tell your new teacher about one book you read over the summer and what you are looking forward to learning in the new school year.</p> 