

October 27, 2022



# News On The Horizon

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

Dear HAW Community,

It has been a busy but great week around HAW. And, we end the week with Harvest Fest! There was a lot of excitement this week.

It is that time of year when temperatures can be warm one minute and cool the next. Please send a jacket or sweatshirt as we do go out for recess as often as we can. And, please label all extra clothing with your child's name in case something ends up in the lost and found.

If your child was with us in grades 3-5 for Spring testing last year, you should have received scores and a parent report. It is always important to remember that this assessment was new to New Mexico last year, so this becomes your child's baseline score for ELA and Math (Science for 5<sup>th</sup> grade). It is a snapshot of what he or she knows at that moment in time. If you have any questions, please ask.

Words are all around us and we all know how important it is to learn new words and build vocabulary. This week, I wanted to share a fun activity with you (reprinted from Teacher Resources). Even before kiddos learn to read, they get excited when they recognize words on road signs, stores, and food packages. Encourage your child to collect words to make a book he or she can read all by himself or herself. Your child will begin to connect the letters she sees with the sounds they make. Give your child a notebook. When he or she spots a word he or she knows, have them write it or cut it out and glue it on a page. For instance, they might clip "Eggs" from an empty carton or the name of a favorite restaurant from a take-out bag. After your child has filled a few pages, let him or her read the book to you. It will build confidence in his or her reading ability because your child will know every word!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantrell

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

- Dollar Demin Days- 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11. More information below.
- T-Shirt Tuesday for this semester are 8/30, 9/13, 10/18, 11/15 and 12/20. More information below
- Let Mrs. Andrea know if you need any resources related to financial hardship, housing, or employment, etc. at [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net)
- November lunch menu will be on our website, under 'Resources'. Due to supply chain delays, menu items may be occasionally substituted.
- Thank you for using the crosswalks in the front during arrival and dismissal. Please continue to walk your child to the blue doors when dropping them off. This is for the safety of our students, families, and staff.
- During dismissal the back gate opens at 3:00 and closes at 3:45. Please plan accordingly. Your patience and respect is appreciated to ensure everyone is safe while students are dismissed from school. You will see added cones in the back to help with this process.
- Please encourage your child to check the lost and found for any missing items. It is located in our cafeteria. We plan on donating unclaimed items to Joy Junction.
- Parent-Teacher conference days are November 21st and 22nd. More information will be sent out by teachers. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.

## T-SHIRT TUESDAY

T-shirt Tuesday takes place once a month. Students may wear any school appropriate T-Shirt with their uniform bottoms for a donation of \$1.00. T-Shirt Tuesday is separate from dollar denim days and the funds are collected from our Sunshine Committee and not PTO. There is not a pre-pay option for T-shirt Tuesday so please send in \$1.00 with your child each time they participate in a T-Shirt Tuesday. This is optional and the funds go to our Sunshine Committee which benefits events, special occasions, and school needs for our staff. If your child would like to participate in a T-shirt Tuesday but you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Andrea Gallegos at [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net) or 998-0459 ext 107.

Dates for T-Shirt Tuesday for this semester are 8/30, 9/13, 10/18, 11/15 and 12/20.

Thank you,

Sunshine Committee

## INFORMATION FROM MRS. SERNA ABOUT STUDENT COUNCIL

Hello Families,

Our school is a BoxTop\$ school. Please download the app, pick our school, and scan your receipts.



Student Council is offering a free scanning service for BoxTop\$ to boost participation. You can send your receipts with your child and Student Council members will scan them! Email Mrs. Serna if you have any questions, [pserna@hawest.net](mailto:pserna@hawest.net).

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Parents/Guardians,

We appreciate your dedication to ensuring that your child(ren) attend school daily and arrive on time, ready to learn.

As you reviewed in the Parent-Student Handbook, the Attendance for Success Act provides information about attendance. Please note that absences are excused when notification is provided to our office for student illness, limited family emergencies, family deaths, medical, health or legal appointments, suspensions, religious holidays, Native American cultural events as stated by the Pueblo Governors, deployment of a military parent, limited extenuating circumstances as approved in advance by the Director (or designee). Unexcused absences occur when the school is not notified and/or related to non-school sponsored activities or trips, family vacations outside of the normally scheduled school breaks, nonapproved cultural days.

As our attendance team monitors attendance, we will contact families to address any patterns, barriers, and work towards prevention and intervention plans as needed. In extreme situations when student attendance doesn't improve families may be referred to state agencies for more resources.

Please feel free to call or email me at [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net) for any attendance questions or concerns. I truly believe we can work together to provide the BEST education for your child(ren).

When your student is going to be absent from school please do the following:

1. Let the teacher know via class communication app (classtag, remind, class dojo etc)
2. Call the office at 998-0459 and leave a message on the attendance line.

Include:

1. Parent name
  2. Student name and grade
  3. Reason for absence
3. If email is preferred, email [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net)

Include

1. Attendance in the subject line
2. Student name and grade
3. Reason for absence

Thank you for your partnership and support.

Andrea Gallegos

Dean of Students.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE-TARDY NOTICE

REMINDER: The cafeteria door and back gate will close at 7:50am. Students who arrive after that time will need to be brought to the office and signed-in by an adult. They will be marked tardy in our database. Our instructional day starts at 7:45 with breakfast. When students arrive late, they miss important components of starting their day. If you and your child arrive during announcements you will be asked to wait until they are done to sign-in. Please note that arrival time is from 7:35-7:50am. Students can be walked to the front cafeteria door or dropped off in the back using the two driving lanes.

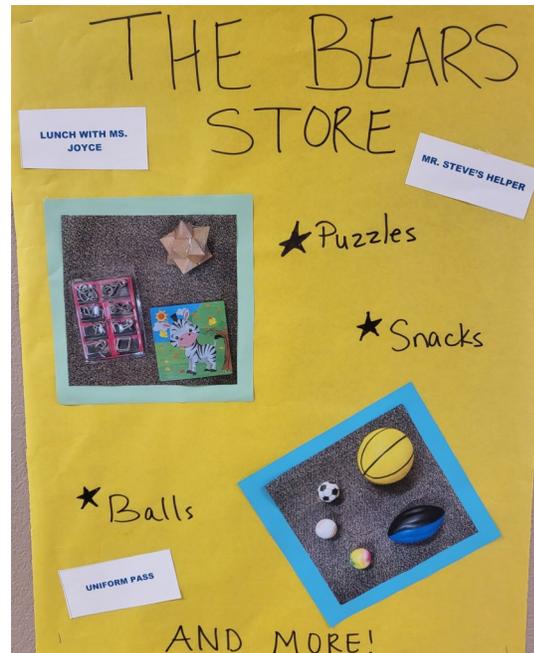
Thank you.

## BEAR BUCKS AND THE SCHOOL STORE

It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the BEAR BUCKS they earn. Again, this is related to our BEARS PLEDGE and is a way for individual students to be accountable for their behavior and be recognized. Students may receive a BEAR BUCK from a duty teacher, a pullout teacher, office staff, as well as any teacher. It is not restricted to their classroom. Our hope is that our BEARS PLEDGE qualities are generalized across the various school settings.

UPDATE: Posters are up for students to see some of the items available at the school store. November 1st is the first day for students to visit the BEARS STORE!

Please contact Mrs. Andrea or Ms. Hodges if you have any questions. Thank you!



### 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

Hello HAW families,

I encourage our students to participate in the statewide attendance awareness poster contest. This would be done at home. You can submit the poster directly to the email provided by following the information in the flyer below or have your child bring their poster to me and I will send it in. The poster must include one of the themes listed in the flyer. Let me know if you have any questions. Submissions are due November 4th.

Thank you,

Mrs. Andrea Gallegos



The flyer features a purple background with a white tilted box on the left containing the text: "Share your ideas! Use the themes: 'The Tassel is Worth the Hassle' or 'Attendance Matters!'". To the right is a purple starburst with "Poster Contest!". Below this, the prizes are listed: "1st Prize: \$100.00 gift card", "2nd Prize: \$50 gift card", and "3rd prize: \$25 gift card". A purple italicized line reads "Winners for elementary, middle and high school levels!". A bulleted list at the bottom provides submission details: due date (November 4th), announcement date (November 14th), email address ([teri.wimborne@uwcnm.org](mailto:teri.wimborne@uwcnm.org)), submission types (photographs or scans), and a note to have fun.

**Share your ideas!**  
**Use the themes:**  
"The Tassel is Worth the Hassle" or "Attendance Matters!"

**Poster Contest!**

**1st Prize: \$100.00 gift card**  
**2nd Prize: \$50 gift card**  
**3rd prize: \$25 gift card**

*Winners for elementary, middle and high school levels!*

- Poster contest submissions are due November 4th and winners will be announced November 14th.
- Please send poster submissions to [teri.wimborne@uwcnm.org](mailto:teri.wimborne@uwcnm.org) with student's name, grade and school and contact info (student or parent/teacher).
- Submissions may be photographs or scans of hard copy posters or attachments of digital poster creations.
- Have fun with it! Winning designs will be included in statewide attendance campaign



## STATE TEST RESULTS

Hello HAW Families,

This week, students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, who were at HAW last year, were sent home with their state test results from last Spring. Horizon maintained higher levels of proficient and advanced scores than the state averages in every category. Horizon students did a great job showing what they know! Thank you to our students and staff for all the hard work they put in! We are so proud of our Horizon Bears!

-Kathy Young, District Test Coordinator

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We would like to share information about our wonderful teachers and staff. This week the spotlight is on our Fourth Grade Team. From left to right: Mrs. Blackshear, Mrs. Rappuhn, Mrs. Sanchez, and Mrs. Mac



Fourth grade is actively working with BEMP (Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program) this year. Students are involved in experiential adventures that focus on the delicate balance between humans and the environment they affect. In addition to the integrated science and social studies units, 4th graders are busy with novel studies, hands-on learning opportunities, collaborative projects, and multi-modal mathematics. Working with 4th graders gives you a glimpse into the future.

**WE APPRECIATE OUR FOURTH GRADE TEAM FOR ALL THEY DO FOR OUR STUDENTS!**

## PTO INFORMATION

**Harvest Fest is TONIGHT!! Thursday, October 27th 6:00-8:30.**

It will be cold, so bundle up!

There will be lots of food and drink options, so come hungry!

Food options will be cash or card, not tickets.

PLEASE remember to bring your pre purchased tickets, we will not be giving replacement tickets if they are forgotten.

You will be able to purchase additional tickets at the event.

**\*\* Children and adults may wear school appropriate costumes to Harvest Fest. If you do wear a costume, you are welcome to participate in the costume contest at 7:00.**

**\*\* The Parent Teacher Organization at Horizon Academy West has recently joined Amazon Smile.**

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to PTO at Horizon Academy West.



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-2964732>

You can follow our PTO on FACEBOOK at PTO at HAW or receive text alerts by texting @HAWPTO to 81010. You can also visit our website, under 'programs' to see the PTO page.

## LEARNING IN PRE-K

Shout out to Firefighter Jarred & his buddies from Albuquerque Fire Department Downtown. Thank you for bringing out Ladder Engine #1 for Pre-k to see & teaching us about fire safety.



Pre-K enjoyed teaming up with 3rd graders when they learned about bats. The 3rd graders were able to answer questions from Pre-k students and shared so much information. They helped the students compare and contrast birds and bats and also read *Stella Luna* and made bats out of Oreo cookies. It was very fun!



## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Hello everyone, hope y'all had a great week. We have been busy in the Art room, 5th grade has been busy for weeks creating their beautiful Kaleidoscopes, and they are just amazing!! So I chose two students from 5th grade to be the artists of the WEEK.



I chose Lucas Segura, from Mrs. Newman's class, and Derek Tafoya from Mrs. Larranaga's class. Great job students!! 🙌👏

I hope everyone has a fabulous and creative week!

Ms. Whatley

## KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Kindergarten is collecting pop tabs to support Ronald McDonald House.

Please send tabs from soda cans, vegetable cans, soups cans etc...in a jar or bag. The collection will continue until March (spring break).

Thank you for your time and support.



## ILLUMINATING INTERVENTION

Perseverance is one of the most important lessons that we can teach our children. Frustration and embarrassment can shut our kids down, and cause them not to seek help or just to give up. Many times teachers and parents see this and want to help "save" their children from the struggle. Instead, we need to help student to see the process as part of the learning and equip them with skills to face difficulties. I would like to use my space over the next few weeks to review some ideas that can help our students to take on problems independently. This week, let's focus on the *Power of Yet*.

When children get frustrated, they often say things like, "I don't understand this," or "I can't do this," or "This doesn't make sense." Self-talk is very powerful. When we make these statements, we announce to the world that we have given up.

Enter the "Power of Yet." When we add this small three-letter word to the end of our sentences, we tell ourselves that we acknowledge the difficulties we are having AND we will keep working at it. "I don't understand this YET."

Encourage your children to add this phrase to their sentences. If you need to, you say it for them. When a child says, "I don't understand this," you can reply, "You don't understand it, yet. Let's discuss where you're having a problem."

Mrs. LaBarre  
3rd-5th Grade Interventionist

## TEACHING AND LEARNING AT HAW

Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Kain's Kindergarten class have been learning about bats. This week the students presented dioramas to the class. This was a great learning experience.



## 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. If you would like to share information about your child in our newsletter, email information and photo to [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net)

The Jaramillo brothers went undefeated this Fall in their football season. Erek (3rd grade) is now a back to back super bowl champion going 20-0 the last 2 seasons. Uriah (1st grade) playing football for the first time, also undefeated. He was a leader on the field and determined to learn all about the game. They work hard in practice 5 days a week while keeping up with all their studies. Awesome job boys!!



## TEACHING AND LEARNING AT HAW

The third graders brought in their gourd projects this week. Students were asked to turn a gourd into their favorite storybook character. They did a great job memorizing their book title, author, and illustrator while also explaining characteristics about their character.



## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

ITS ALL A BUNCH OF HOCUS POCUS!



With Halloween right around the corner, I wanted to talk about brushing our teeth! Are you brushing enough friends? It is very important to brush and floss your teeth two times a day! Brush for 2-3 minutes each time and don't forget about the tongue! Brush Brush Brush... This will ensure to keep the plaque & decay away!

Parents, as the weather gets colder, Please keep in mind appropriate clothing selections for your child. We are asking that the students have a light jacket or sweater for the time spend outside. Also if your child needs any over the counter or prescribed medication administered here, there are documents that go along with that. Please see me in the health office to drop off any medications and sign the appropriate forms. Please do NOT send medication in backpacks. As always, Covid-19 testing on campus and home kits are available upon request. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at 505-998-0459 ext 142 or by email at [hoffice@hawest.net](mailto:hoffice@hawest.net).

Ms. Angelique

## INFORMATION FROM THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Happy birthday to all staff members with a birthday in October. The Sunshine Committee celebrated all birthdays this month with a cake for staff to enjoy!



# FREE FLU SHOTS

2022-2023 FLU SEASON CLINICS



DELIVERING MORE

## PUBLIC FLU SHOT CLINICS

Anyone 6 months or older can get the regular flu vaccine. The flu vaccine designed specifically for people 65 years and older is not available at these clinics. See details below.

Below are dates and locations of primary care **drive-through** , and **walk-up/walk-in**  flu shot clinics. Please share this information with your family, friends and community members.

DATE/TIME	AGE	CLINIC TYPE	CLINIC	ADDRESS
Wed., 9/28 10AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		 Fiesta de Flu	Domenici Bldg. (outside), 1001 Stanford Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131
Sat., 10/1 9AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		Westside Family Practice Clinic at Cibola High School	1510 Ellison Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114
Tues., 10/4 5PM - 7PM	6 mo.+		Atrisco Heritage Family Practice Clinic at Atrisco Heritage High School	10800 Dennis Chavez Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87121
Wed., 10/5 10AM - 2PM	18 yrs+		 UNM Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)	300 Cornell Dr. SE, Bldg. 73 (Plaza level), Albuquerque, NM, 87131
Thur., 10/6 10AM - 2PM	18 yrs+		 UNM Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)	300 Cornell Dr. SE, Bldg. 73 (Plaza Level) Albuquerque, NM, 87131
Sat., 10/8 9AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		Family Medicine Clinic at Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) Brasher Hall	717 University Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106
Sat., 10/15 9AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		Southwest Mesa Family Practice Clinic at West Mesa High School	6701 Fortuna Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121
Sat., 10/15 9AM - 2PM	9 yrs +		UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center	3001 Broadmoor Blvd. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144
Sat., 10/15 8:30 - 12:30PM	6 mo.+		UNMH Young Children's Health Center	306 San Pablo St. SE #A, Albuquerque, NM 87108
Wed., 10/19 5PM - 7PM	6 mo.+		Atrisco Heritage Family Practice Clinic at Atrisco Heritage High School	10800 Dennis Chavez Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87121
Sat., 10/22 9AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		1209 Family Practice Clinic at UNM Dental Clinic	1801 Camino de Salud NE, Albuquerque NM, 87102
Sat., 10/29 8:30AM - 12PM	6 mo.+		Carrie Tingley Hospital/Pediatric Urgent Care/Eubank Pediatric Clinic	1127 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Sat., 10/29 9AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		Northeast Heights Family Practice Clinic at Del Norte High School	5323 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
Sat., 11/5 9AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		UNM Health Family Health Grande Clinic	1790 Grande Blvd. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124
Sat., 11/5 9AM - 2PM	6 mo.+		Southeast Heights Family Practice Clinic at Van Buren Middle School	700 Louisiana Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

 UNM clinics are for students, faculty, staff and family