

November 30, 2022



News On The Horizon

From the desk of our Executive Director, Mrs. Cantrell

Dear HAW Community,

And just like that, we are heading into December. It is a busy holiday month for many families. We know it can sometimes be stressful. Let us know if there is something we can do for your family.

PTO is hosting the holiday lights drive-thru and a holiday spirit week. Check out the flyer sent home from PTO for more information.

Are you looking for some winter-themed books to read with your child? Here is a link for the 40 best picture books about winter. <https://imaginationoup.net/best-winter-themed-picture-books-kids/> And here is a link for some great read-alouds for upper elementary students. <https://alyssateaches.com/winter-books-for-upper-elementary/>

A friendly reminder to watch for kiddos and families as you drop kids off in the morning and as you pick kids up in the afternoon. We ask that you use the cross walk and follow all directives of our staff members for your safety and the safety of others. We appreciate your help.

Thank you for your generosity! Rio Grande Food Project picked up canned goods today. They were overwhelmed with gratitude as they were running low on food and supplies. And the toy drive was a success too. Thank you for modeling the BEARS pledge in our community.

Thank you for choosing HAW for your child. We value our partnership. Have a wonderful weekend.

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

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
- December lunch menu will be on our website, under 'Resources'. Due to supply chain delays, menu items may be occasionally substituted.
- December 12th-15th- PTO Holiday Drive-Thru Event. More information below.
- December 21st-January 3rd- Holiday break and professional development for staff. No school

FIRST GRADE TOY DRIVE

The toy drive sponsored by First Grade was a HUGE success! Horizon Academy West was able to collect 139 toys to donate to boys and girls in need. Way to go BEARS! Thank you families for your support.



EXPLORING IN MRS. NEWMAN'S CLASS

In 5th grade, we have been learning about famous early explorers. Each student in Mrs. Newman's class had to research a specific explorer, make a clay head of the explorer, then present what they found.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER-TARDY NOTICE

The cafeteria door and back gate 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.

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.

INFORMATION FROM MRS. SERNA ABOUT STUDENT COUNCIL

HAW Student Council would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to our successful Food Drive! Our wonderful student council reps. made signs, picked up donations from classes, counted cans, cut Turkey feathers, & posted them on our school Turkey 🦃!

Congratulations to Ms. Sanchez & Ms. Gutierrez's classes for winning the popcorn, movie, no uniform day! There were 2 rows of food for our

community! The Rio Grande Food Project came for the donations and were beyond grateful and shared that they have a huge need for this food.

If you or someone you know needs help, they are located at 600 Coors Blvd

NW & their number is: (505)831-3778.



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!



PTO INFORMATION

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's almost time for the PTO Holiday Drive-thru Event!

When: December 15th from 6:00-7:00PM

Where: the back drive through at HAW. Please enter through the south gates.

Why: Come drive through to see lots of Holiday decorations, luminaries handmade by the students and lots of teachers and staff waving and greeting! You are welcome to decorate your vehicle and show holiday spirit.

•Parents, please look for a white paper sack being sent home with your student. Please decorate however you would like and be sure to send it back to your child's teacher by Tuesday, December 13th.

Holiday spirit week coming up soon! December 12-15 PTO will be putting on a holiday spirit week. Come to school each day dressed in festive attire!

Monday: "Merry Monday Morning" (Wear PJs. School appropriate please)

Tuesday: "Tree Topper Tuesday" (Wear a festive holiday hat, such as a Santa hat, reindeer ears or an elf hat!)

Wednesday: "Warm, Fuzzy Flannel Wednesday" (Wear a flannel shirt)

Thursday: "Tacky sweater Thursday" (Wear an ugly/tacky holiday sweater)

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

The City of Albuquerque brought a front loader truck and a roll-off truck and demonstrated how they work for the students. They also let us honk the horn!

"It was great! I liked the trash trucks and honking the horn," -Oliver 4 yrs. old from Ms. Tobi's PreK class.



Illuminating Intervention

As an interventionist who was hired primarily to address learning losses that happened during the pandemic, I am always interested in helping students to "catch up." This week, returning after Thanksgiving break, it was apparent that students were still trying to shake off their vacation mode and ready themselves for learning to take place. Every year, the holiday season is a time when we all get a little distracted, overwhelmed, and tired. It's a challenge for teachers and parents to stay on task, so it's even harder for our little ones to harness all that energy that comes from schedule changes, travel, anticipation, and celebration. We can all work together to help our children to keep learning and refine their skills even during this holiday seasons. Here are 12 tips to make some time for learning over the next month of festivities:

1. Give kids educational gifts, such as board games, science projects, building tasks, scrapbooking kits, and painting kits.
2. Read stories together. Whether just before bed or around the campfire, reading a fun book or play out loud, even taking turns reading the dialogue of different characters, can be very entertaining.
3. Challenge your children to beat you in some online math fact fluency challenges. Websites like Kahoot and Blooket are free, and you can create a game that the whole family can play on their phones, tablets, or computers.
4. Listen to music or concerts together. Many musicians, local and international, are streaming their music over the holidays. *Billboard Magazine's* website and others list the big artists who are live streaming for the holidays.
5. Complete a cooking craft together, creating cookies or gingerbread houses, or whatever sounds fun for your family. Try a recipe from a different culture. For a little extra math you can use foreign recipes, which use metric measurements and require translations.
6. Write greeting cards to friends and family that tell a little story, going beyond a simple "Happy Holidays!" Bonus points if students create their own cards to send to their teachers out of gratitude.
7. Film interviews with family members for posterity, or edit your own holiday movie using all the decorations of the season.
8. Find a local nature walk and practice identifying plants and animals you see along the way; learn about how the natural world copes with winter.
9. Get out those musical instruments you have lying around and see if your family can pick out "Jingle Bells." If you don't have any instruments, make some...there are many websites to show you how, using household items.
10. Build a group project where every family member contributes a part of the goal. It could be a building model or item from a favorite book, a giant volcano, a house of cards, a group creative writing story with different endings, or even a remodeled bathroom with new fixtures and a fresh coat of paint. Kids love group projects!

Play a fun family game that helps reinforce reading and vocabulary, like Scattergories (check out an online version at <https://swellgarfo.com/scattergories/>), Balderdash, Taboo, Boggle, or Scrabble.

Visit a historical landmark in your area, learning facts about it that your kids might find interesting.

Melissa LaBarre
HAW Reading/Math Interventionist 3-5

Please help 5th grade Community Project!

We will be collecting donations to give to

Argos, a Shelter Dog Rescue.

Argos, a Shelter Dog Rescue's mission is to rescue, provide medical care, and successfully re-home dogs at risk of being euthanized in NM shelters. They work closely with other rescues, professionals, and shelters to provide much needed education to the public.

Please bring items to any 5th grade teacher before

Monday, December 19th.

Donation ideas:

~ Dog food

~ Dog beds

~ Big dog toys

~ Blankets

~ Dog leashes

~ Little dog sweaters



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