

January 19 , 2023



News On The Horizon

From the desk of our Executive Director, Mrs. Cantrell

Dear HAW Community,

Happy Thursday everyone! Thank you to all who joined us for math night. Sandia Labs is such a great community partner and supporter of education. We hope to expand some programming with them in the future.

National School Choice Week begins on Saturday and runs through next week. We are proud to serve our community as a viable choice for PK-5 education. And we are grateful that you chose HAW. We will kick-off this special week with our presence at the School Choice Fair on Saturday. It is located at Albuquerque Convention Center from 11:00-2:00. This is a GREAT event for our 5th grade families to attend as many Charter Middle Schools will be in attendance. And if you attend, be sure to drop by our table to say hello!

Spirit Week, sponsored by our Student Council, begins Monday. Check out the special days below. Students may wear jeans as a special treat. This week kicks off The Great Kindness Challenge. Each day, before I sign off morning announcements, I remind our students to “sprinkle a little kindness in your classroom today.” Thanks to our Student Council for planning a fun week.

And...don't forget that Tuesday is T-shirt Tuesday as well. Our Sunshine Committee appreciates the dollar donation as it supports our staff and students throughout the year. Thank you!

As we begin to prepare for the 2023-2024 school budget, we will ask for your input in the form of surveys. We hope to keep them simple and short. Watch for links over the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for your time and valuable input.

IMPORTANT! In the event of a weather-related closure or delay, we will use our automated system to communicate necessary information to our families. It will be sent as a text, email, and voice call. We do not follow other districts. In the event of a 2-hour delay, Ms. Tobi's AM Preschool session will be canceled. In the event of a 2-hour delay, there is no early drop off and student arrival begins at 9:35 with all students in classrooms at 9:45.

Have a great weekend (it might get a little snowy).

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

Promoting Good Attendance All Winter Long



Every winter, bad weather — snow, slush, freezing temperatures or even heavy rains — can present challenges to getting children to school. So do the illnesses such as colds, flu, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months. Students might also have to stay home due to Covid-19.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



1. Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather.

- Check to see who can give your children a ride to school if you aren't able to take them or the bus doesn't arrive.
- Talk with your school about forming a "walking school bus" with other families to get students to school safely.
- Contact your local government if roads to school are not regularly plowed.
- Join other families to clear snow from the sidewalks closest to the school.
- Tell school administrators about transportation challenges, including safety, and ask if they have plans for transporting students.

2. Keep your children healthy.

- Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning or check to see if your school serves breakfast.
- Ensure your children visit their medical provider and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid.
- Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.
- Reinforce the importance of avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick, and not sharing cups and/or utensils with others.
- If your children seem anxious about going to school, ask teachers, school counselors, your medical provider and parents for advice on how to make your children feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned your children may have Covid, call your medical provider or school nurse for advice.

3. Keep your children engaged in learning if they cannot attend school in person.

- Ask your teacher or school for resources that you can use at home to keep your children learning, including computer tablets, internet access and online learning platforms.
- Identify who can support your children's learning at home, especially if you must go to work.
- Encourage your children to call classmates and stay connected to the teacher to find out about what they missed.

To learn more about attendance and strategies that make a difference visit www.attendanceworks.org

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. Students can pay \$1.00 and wear jeans. Contact Mrs. Andrea if assistance is needed.
- T-Shirt Tuesday for this semester are 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/21, 3/7, 4/18, and 5/2. Students can pay \$1.00 and wear any appropriate t-shirt. Contact Mrs. Andrea if assistance is needed.
- Let Mrs. Andrea know if you need any resources related to financial hardship, housing, or employment, etc. at agallegos@hawest.net
- January lunch menu is on our website, under 'Resources'. Due to supply chain delays, menu items may be occasionally substituted.
- Our lottery for new students is now open. The link is on our website. This is for new students wanting to join HAW next year.
- PTO Father-Daughter Dance on February 9th. See flyer below.
- We have new jackets and backpacks available for students. Please contact Mrs. Andrea if needed.
- Save the date: Spring picture day- February 27th- students can be out of uniform

NEWS FROM OUR REGISTRAR, ADA GALLEGOS

Dear HAW Families,

We are using a new security system to check students in & out. This new system requires an ID. You must have your ID when checking out your child/children. This applies to anyone (including parents) picking up students anytime before dismissal.

Please make sure to check in your student in the front office when dropping them off after 7:50. If the teacher has already taken attendance and they have been marked absent, we can correct this information once you have checked them in, otherwise their attendance information will not be accurate.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and support.

Flu Season is Here!

Parents please keep a closer watch on your kiddos as there are many germs and illnesses going around this time of year. Flu symptoms are sudden and severe including high fevers, chills and body aches. Please keep your child home if they have fever, ongoing coughing, diarrhea, vomiting or pink eye. It is highly recommended that you send your student with Chapstick. We have so many friends with bleeding chapped lips. As always, I have Covid-19 testing here on campus and home test kits are available. Please reach out if this is something you are interested in. If you have any questions or concerns please call 505-998-0459 ext 142 or email hoffice@hawest.net. Thank you for your cooperation and support with staying healthy here at Horizon Academy West!

ILLUMINATING INTERVENTION

5 easy ways parents/guardians can increase their child's reading fluency

Reading is one of the most important components of language learning and education. It forms the basis for learning how to read – only to learn from what we read. While most children gain the fundamentals of reading by the time they are in second grade, not every child develops the ability to read fluently. Reading fluency is more or less a skill that enables the reader to read quickly, accurately, and with expression.

If your child is struggling to read fluently, there are many strategies you can use at home to support this critical, lifelong skill. Don't worry! Any child who struggles with reading fluency can improve with practice, attention, and consistent feedback. Here are a few simple ways to get your kids reading pages and pages of text with absolute confidence.

1. Model fluent reading: Young children are naturally pretty fast learners. The one thing that we often overlook is their ability to learn from others. One of the best ways to improve a child's reading fluency is to model it for him. Let the child see and hear what fluent reading should sound like. Make sure you include plenty of expressions and emotion while reading and model proper phrasing and pacing. Then ask your child to read the same passage in the same style or manner as you did.

2. Stopwatch readings: Another strategy that works for improving reading speed, which is also a major part of fluency, is asking your child to read a given passage in a set time frame. Here's how it's done: Set a stopwatch for one minute, and have your child read a passage with as few errors as possible. Notice where your child stops or breaks his fluency and work on improving those areas. Perhaps there was a word he couldn't pronounce. Ask him to repeatedly pronounce the word after learning the meaning. Then once again, ask your child to read the passage with the timer set to one minute. This time the reading should be faster!

The one minute read works because it is a manageable chunk of time and your child will be able to practice several repeated reads in a row without losing focus or interest.

Use a graph to track the number of words your child read per minute, along with the number of errors and challenging words. Your child will be excited to know he/she is improving, so be sure to celebrate improvements regularly.

3. Choral read aloud sessions: "Choral reading," is when a teacher or parent reads aloud and asks the children to follow at the same pace. Choral reading is another way to show your child what fluent reading should sound like. Choosing a book at the child's independent reading level will make it easier for him/her to keep up with the accuracy and pace.

4. Marked reading: Take a passage and ask your child to read while you silently follow on a copy of that same passage. Mark places where your child made mistakes (mispronunciation, skipped words, etc.) and keep practicing these words and passages. This can be done during the stop watch reading exercise or a read aloud activity.

To track progress, mark the number of errors and challenging words each time the passage is read. Again, remember to celebrate progress with prizes and/or praise.

5. Re-read favorite books: Always encourage your child to re-read favorite books. Some parents or teachers discourage children from reading the same books again and again in an attempt to expose them to new information. However, constantly reading new material doesn't help reading fluency at all. In fact, the more accustomed to reading a particular book your child is, the more fluent he becomes at reading it. This gives them the confidence, accuracy, and speed needed to read fluently without focusing on just reading and instead more on comprehending and mimicking expressions.

Lastly, the best way to improve children's reading fluency is by encouraging them to read more often while keeping speed, accuracy, and expression in mind. The more they read, the better they get! Modeling positive reading behavior sets the tone for reading in your household.

Mrs. LaBarre

HAW Reading/Math Interventionist K-2

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.

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.



STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

We are sponsoring a free receipt scanning service! Every Boxtop earns a dime for our school! Believe it or not those dimes add up. Currently, we have collected \$146.90. Keep sending your Boxtop\$ receipts 📄 to Room 207.

We are organizing a School-wide Spirit week coming up on the week of Jan 23rd.

It is The Great Kindness Challenge! Every day, students are challenged to do something kind by helping others! They may also get into the kindness spirit by dressing up:

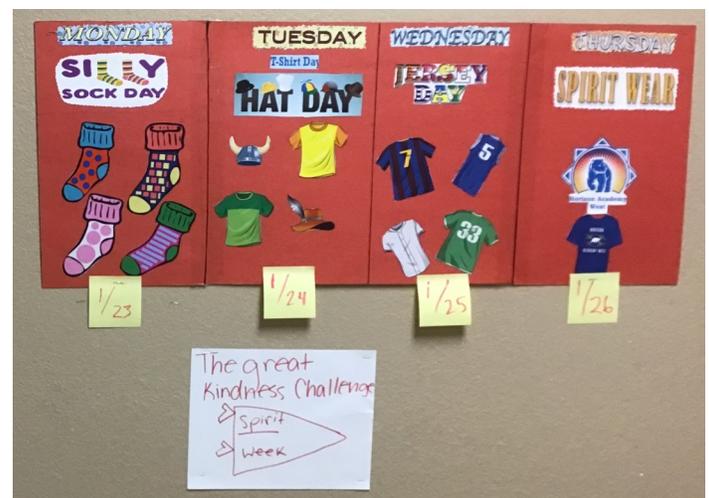
Monday the 23rd-Wear different colored socks and/or shoes!

Tuesday the 24th-Hats & t-shirt Tuesday (bring \$1.00)

Wednesday the 25th- Wear a team Jersey!

Thursday the 26th-Wear school gear (t-shirts & hoodies)

So mark your calendars, get into the school spirit, & sprinkle some kindness!



PTO INFORMATION

Be on the lookout for a flyer about our Daddy-Daughter Dance coming home with your daughter soon!

Due to capacity limits at the venue we are limiting attendance to HAW students only plus one guest. We do understand there may need to be special considerations for some families. If this is the case please email us at pto@hawest.net and we can discuss your options.

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST
PTO PRESENTS A:
**YOU ARE MY
SUNSHINE!**



Daddy-Daughter
DANCE

Girls Are Invited To Bring Dad or Other Special Adult Guest to Join Us For An Evening Of Dancing!



Thursday, February 9

DINNER 6-7PM DANCE 7-8:30PM

Loyal Order of the Moose

2121 EDITH BLVD. NE 87102



\$30 PER COUPLE

\$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HORIZON ACADEMY STUDENT

DINNER, CUPCAKES, DJ, PHOTO BOOTH, & REFRESHMENTS

Please Detach & Return Bottom Section With Payment To Your Child's Teacher By Feb. 7

****This is a non-refundable event****

Child name(s) _____ Teacher's name(s) _____

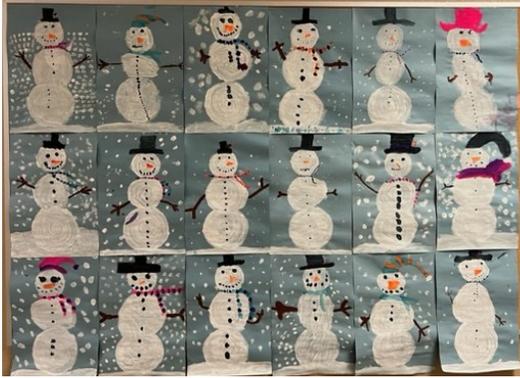
Attending: _____ Payment Method (check one): Cash _____ Online _____

*Please return form regardless of payment method

** If you are paying online, please put your child's first and last name in the Details and include your phone number

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Hello everyone I hope you all had a fabulous week. We have been very busy in the art room. Third grade has finished up their warm and cold color trees 🌳. This is Mrs. Dahl's class, great job!



Second grade has finished up their snowman 🧊. This is Mrs. Yaksich's class's artwork.

For student of the week, I chose Jovan Martinez and Paxton Gonzalez, both from Ms. Lacey's first grade class. And Penelope Escobedo from Mrs. Cordova's first grade class! Their walrus drawings came out so great! ❤️



ANNOUNCING

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PAPER

We are incredibly excited to announce that **New Mexico Public Education Department** has partnered with Paper to provide FREE tutoring support for students in grades PreK-8!

For more information and to enroll visit the New Mexico Public Education Department website at

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/free-tutoring-sign-up/>

Fun with Paper™!

No homework? No problem! Paper is here to keep **PrK-8 students** entertained all year long. Log in to Paper by searching bit.ly/PaperNM and choose one (or all!) of the fun activities below!



Passion Project

Choose a topic you don't know anything about and discover all that you can through research! Start a live chat session with a tutor using the **"Ask Any Tutor"** button, and tell the tutor everything you've discovered so far about the topic! Then, send this message to the tutor: "How can I learn more about this topic?"



Practice your Reading

Start a live chat session with a Reading tutor by clicking the **Ask a Tutor** button on the **English / Language Arts** tile. Tell the tutor you want to practice your reading with a book you have with you. Share a picture of the first page you are reading by clicking the **Send File** button, then hit the microphone button and record yourself reading it! The tutor will then tell you how great you did! Try to take pictures and read as many pages as you can!



Become a Math Magician

Scroll to the Paper Missions section at the bottom right of your main Dashboard. Click **Practice Paper Math Missions!** Abracadabra! The more problems you complete, the more math magic you gain! Make it as far as you can, and share your success with your family.



Test your Typing

Start a live chat session with a writing tutor by clicking the **Ask a Tutor** button on the **English / Language Arts** tile. Send this message to the tutor: "I want to practice my typing skills! Can you send me an audio message that I can type back to you?" You can continue to practice like this for as long as you want to become a keyboard wizard!



Entertainment with PaperLive

Click the **PaperLive** button at the top of your Dashboard. Follow your curiosity and explore all of the live, interactive, and FUN sessions hosted each week! Choose your favorites and click **Book Event** to make sure you have a spot.



Rhyme Time

Think of your favorite animal! Click the **Ask Any Tutor** button and send this message to the tutor: "I really love ____ (<- insert your animal here!). Can you help me come up with words that rhyme with this word?". Share as many words as you can that rhyme with the animal, and the tutor will help you. Then, use one of your other favorite things (color, sport, food, and more!), and try again!



Cool Careers

Ever wonder what it would be like to be a zoologist? Or an engineer? Or a teacher? Click the **Ask Any Tutor** button and send this message to the tutor: "Can you help me learn about what it would be like to be a ____" <- Make sure to add the career you're interested in when you ask!



¡Diversión con Paper!

¿No tienes tareas? ¡No hay problema! Paper está aquí para mantener entretenidos a los estudiantes de PreK-8 durante todo el año. Ingresa a Paper a través de bit.ly/PaperNM y elige una (¡o todas!) de las actividades divertidas a continuación.



Proyecto emocionante

¡Elige un tema del que no sepas mucho y descubre todo lo que puedas a través de la investigación! Comienza una sesión de chat en vivo con un tutor usando el botón **Pregunta a cualquier tutor** y dile al tutor todo lo que sabes hasta ahora sobre el tema. Luego, envía este mensaje al tutor: "¿Cómo puedo aprender más sobre este tema?"



Practica tu lectura

Comienza una sesión de chat en vivo con un tutor de lectura haciendo clic en el botón **Pregunta a un tutor** en el cuadro de **Inglés / Artes del lenguaje (English / Language Arts)**. Dile al tutor que quieres practicar tu lectura con un libro que tengas. Comparte una imagen de la primera página que estás leyendo haciendo clic en el botón **Enviar archivo**. ¡Luego presiona el botón del micrófono y graba mientras lees! Tu tutor te dirá lo bien que lo hiciste! ¡Intenta tomar fotos y leer tantas páginas como puedas!



Conviértete en un mago de las matemáticas

Ve hasta la sección de Paper Missions en la parte inferior derecha de tu tablero. Haz clic en **Practica las misiones de Paper Math**. ¡Abracadabra! Cuantos más problemas completes, más magia matemática ganarás! Llega tan lejos como puedas y comparte tu éxito con tu familia.



Pon a prueba tu escritura con el teclado

Comienza una sesión de chat en vivo con un tutor de escritura haciendo clic en el botón **Pregunta a un tutor** en el cuadro de **Inglés / Artes del lenguaje (English / Language Arts)**. Envía este mensaje al tutor: "Quiero practicar mis habilidades para escribir con el teclado. ¿Puedes enviarme un mensaje de audio que pueda escribir como práctica?" ¡Puedes seguir practicando así durante el tiempo que quieras para convertirte en un mago del teclado!



Entretenimiento con PaperLive

Haz clic en el botón **PaperLive** en la parte superior de tu tablero. ¡Sigue tu curiosidad y explora todos los shows interactivos, DIVERTIDOS y en vivo cada semana! Elige tus shows favoritos y haz clic en **Book Event** para asegurar tu lugar.



Hora de rimar

¡Piensa en tu animal favorito! Haz clic en el botón **Pregunta a cualquier tutor** y envía este mensaje al tutor: "Me encantan los _____." (<- agrega tu animal favorito aquí!). ¿Puedes ayudarme a encontrar palabras que rimen con esta palabra?". Comparte tantas palabras como puedas que rimen con el animal que elegiste, y el tutor te ayudará. Luego, usa una de tus otras cosas favoritas (color, deporte, comida y más), ¡y vuelve a intentarlo!



Carreras interesantes

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado como sería ser un zoólogo? ¿o un ingeniero? ¿o un maestro? Haz clic en el botón **Pregunta a cualquier tutor** y envía este mensaje al tutor: "¿Puedes ayudarme a conocer más sobre como sería ser un _____?" <- ¡Asegurate de agregar la carrera que te interesa cuando preguntes!

