April 27, 2023

News On The Horizon

From the desk of our Executive Director, Mrs. Cantrell

Dear HAW Community,

Thursday greetings! State testing is almost finished. I am so proud of our students who took the tests seriously and did their personal best each day. Way to go Bears! It is our understanding that PED is working with the test company to get us the results much quicker this year. We will let you know when results are available for parent view.

The registration link for our current students is live as of today. You will need a "snapcode" sent from PowerSchool in a separate email to get started. Once you have the snapcode, please follow the link to complete your child's registration packet. If you do not receive a snapcode, check your junk or spam. Important Note: You will need insurance information, contact information, medical information (allergies, medication, doctor), and will fill out a few waivers/forms. Thank you for your prompt attention in completing this information. Please call Ms. Ada if you need assistance in filling out the forms. And, drop by school to use a computer if that is easier for you. https://registration.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=36823&culture=en

With the nicer weather and as we inch closer to the end of the school year, we have seen an uptick of inappropriate behaviors. While we address these behaviors with individual students and families, I thought it was important to mention here. Each day, we say the Bears Pledge. We talk about what respect looks like and sounds like. So often we observe put-downs and disrespect on TV, video games, social media, and in real life. Unfortunately, it has become the norm. But, it is not the norm at HAW. We hear kiddos say, "I was just joking or playing around." And, we remind them that words hurt just as much as the physical. We ask that you continue to reinforce good choices as you send your child into the building each day. Let's continue to model respectful behavior, conversations, and emails. The children are watching. Thank you for your support and partnership. We really do have an amazing community.

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

Horizon Academy West 2023-2024 DRAFT CALENDAR

July 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
4	5	6	7	8 X
3	4	5	6	7 X
10	11	12	13	14 X
17	18	19	20	21 X
24	25	26	27	28

Total 17

August 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
31 PD	1 PD	2 PD/MG	3 PD/MG	4 X
7 first day	8	9	10	11 X
14	15	16	17	18 X
21	22	23	24	25 X
28	29	30	31	

Total 19

September 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1 X
4 HOL	5	6	7	8 x
11	12	13	14	15 X
18	19	20	21	22 X
25	26 SM	27	28	29 X

Total 15

October 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3	4	5	6 X
9 HOL	10	11	12	13 X
16	17	18	19	20 X
23	24	25	26	27 X
30	31 PD			

Total 17

November 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3 X
6	7	8	9	10 X
13	14	15	16	17 X
20	21	22 HOL	23 HOL	24 X
27	28 SM	29	30	

Total 16

December 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1 X
4	5	6	7	8 X
11	12	13	14	15 X
18	19	20	21	22 X
25 HOL	26 HOL	27 HOL	28 HOL	29 X

Total 12

January 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1 HOL	2 HOL	3 PD	4 PD	5 X
8	9	10	11	12 X
15 HOL	16	17	18	19 X
22	23	24	25	26 X
29	30	31		

Total 16

February 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2 X
5	6	7	8	9 X
12	13	14	15	16 X
19	20	21	22	23 X
26	27 SM	28	29	

Total 17

March 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1 X
4	5	6	7	8 X
11	12	13	14	15 X
18	19	20	21 PD	22 X
25 HOL	26 HOL	27 HOL	28 HOL	29 X

Total 12

April 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1 PD	2	3	4	5 X
8	9	10	11	12 X
15	16	17	18	19 X
22	23	24	25	26 X
29	30			

Total 17

May 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		1	2	3 X
6	7 SM	8	9	10 X
13	14	15	16	17 X
20	21	22	23 last da	24 X
27 HOL	28	29	30	31 X

Total 14

June 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Total Instructional Days: 155
Staff Contract Days: 157
*** SM-Staff Meeting 4:00-5:00**

July 31, 2023- First day for staff
7:45-3:30 Monday-Thursday
MG-Meet and Greet with students
X- No school on Fridays
HOL-Holiday- No school

August 7, 2023-First day of school for students
PD - Professional Development; No Students

Weather make-up days after Memoral Day if needed

May 23, 2024- Last day of school for staff and students -Student dismissal at 12:00

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

It's "Oso Great"….

Oso, our mascot, continues to greet students every morning as they walk to their classrooms. To spread light on the importance of attendance and coming to school regularly, we will be having an "It's OSO great… " campaign during the months of March, April, and May. This will include different ways of recognizing parents, students, and staff for prioritizing attendance!! Keep an eye out for treats, shout outs, and Facebook posts about all the "OSO great" things happening at HAW highlighting how parents, students, and staff work together to support learning. Although we want students at school, we understand that illness causes students to be absent. Please continue to communicate with us about absences. We appreciate that students are at school when they are well. We tell students every day truly does matter!

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

- Dollar Demin Days- 5/11. Students can pay $1.00 and wear jeans. Contact Mrs. Andrea if assistance is needed.
- T-Shirt Tuesday for this semester are 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
- May lunch menu is on our website, under 'Resources'. Due to supply chain delays, menu items may be occasionally substituted.
- We have new jackets and backpacks available for students. Please contact Mrs. Andrea if needed.
- Please encourage your child/children to look in the lost and found located in the cafeteria. Parents are also welcomed to do so by checking in at the office. Items will be donated the week of May 15th.
- BEARS Store will be open May 23rd. 2312 BEAR BUCKS were turned in at the BEARS STORE this week!! GO BEARS!
- Look out for "Oso great" things happening around HAW during the April and May.
- SAVE THE DATE: May 4th-ART SHOW and May 11th– 20th Year Celebration Family Fun Night

NEWS FROM OUR REGISTRAR, ADA GALLEGOS

Dear HAW Families,

The system we use to check students in & out 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 students will be marked as absent.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and support.

FREE TUTORING

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful week. We have been very busy in the art room doing lots of weaving, and so, for the artist of the week, I chose Jacqueline Haltli, and Jaxon Falkenthal. Both students from Mrs. Dahl's third grade class great job students!👏💝

Please remember next week on Thursday, May 4th at 5 o'clock, we are having our art show! 🎉🎉 Please come out and support the arts and check out all the cool art your child has been creating all year! Ms. Martin has arranged for Kona ice to be here! Thank you, Ms. Martin😊

I hope everyone has a fabulous and creative week!

Ms. Whatley

ATTENTION FIFTH-GRADE PARENTS

ART SHOW AT HAW

Come see student artwork on display!!

Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:00-6:30

Kona Ice will be available for purchase $2.00-$8.00. This is not sponsored by HAW. 20% of the proceeds will go towards the 4th and 5th grade 2024 Washington DC/New York Trip.

*ENTER AT THE FRONT CAFETERIA DOORS

BERNALILLO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

JOIN US FOR OUR 20TH YEAR CELEBRATION & FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!

Spread the word to past students and families!!

Food Trucks and Cash Only Food Options, DJ, Free Photo Booth, Free Face Painting and other Free Family Activities!

Thursday, May 11th

5:00 – 8:00 PM

at Horizon Academy West

ILLUMINATING INTERVENTIONS

With Summer approaching, parents may be looking for ways to engage their students in learning and avoid summer slide (loss of learning). I'll add a few ideas here in the newsletter to keep us on our toes.

Set aside time for your student to read each day during the summer break -- 15 to 30 minutes per day is all it takes! During the summer, students have more time to read for enjoyment, which also offers a great opportunity to preserve and strengthen their reading skills. Your summer activities should include taking your children or teenagers to the public library to check out books of interest and/or any summer reading groups they'd like to join.

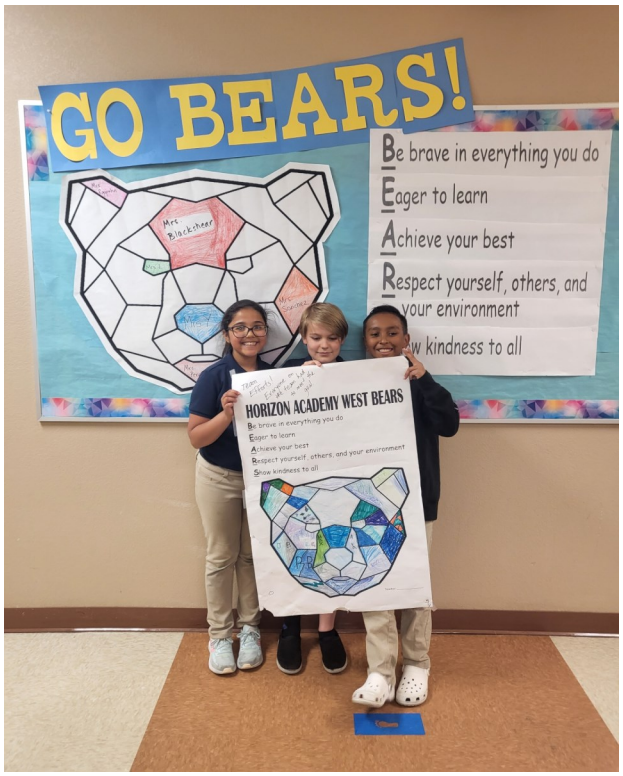
A great way to track how much reading your child is doing during the summer months is a tally on your regular activities calendar. This will help keep the daily reading time from being overlooked because of other summer activities -- and we know there are many!

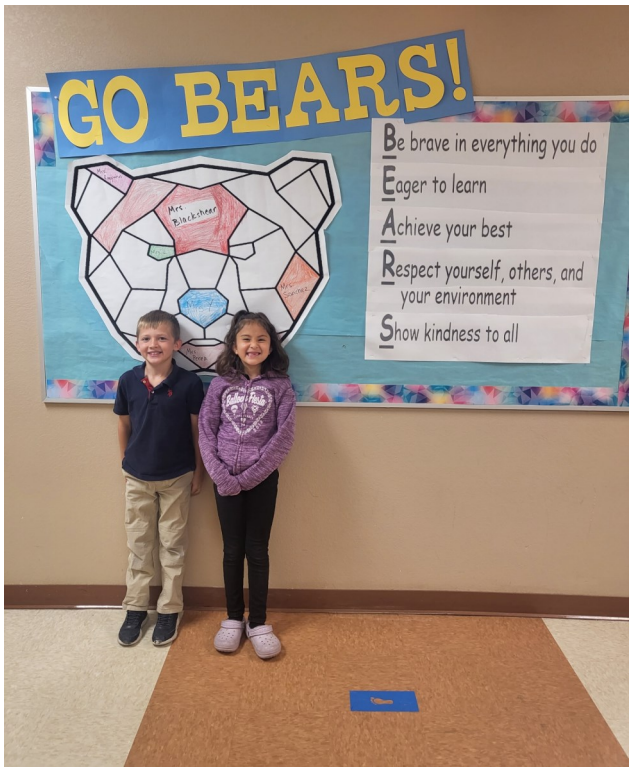
Parents of students reading below grade level should read with their children in order to assist with sounding out words they might not be able to decode themselves. In addition, keep a dictionary or online source close by to help students figure out those words by using the phonetic spelling provided.

Melissa LaBarre

BEAR BONUS

Mrs. Blackshear's 4th grade class and Mrs. Schmid's 2nd grade class completed their BEAR BONUS poster this week. It is great to see our students working hard to demonstrate our BEARS PLEDGE! GO BEARS!





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.

REMINDER: Please provide doctor's notes for appointments.

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.

First grader, Ciara, and second grader, Damacio, participated in a dance competition and did a great job!

Ciara's Solo-
Ciara received the Icon Award which means she was the highest scoring dancer for her Jazz Routine in her division. She received Platinum and was in the Top 10 with 1st Place!
Damacio's Solo-
Damacio received Platinum and was in the Top 10 with 4th Place!
Duo-
Damacio and Ciara received Platinum and was in the Top 3 with 1st Place!

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Calling all parents!!! We need your help! PTO is looking to fill officer positions for next year and also for volunteers to help with various events. Please email us at pto@hawest.net if you are interested.

Thank you!

SOCK DRIVE

May 1-May 11

HAW Second grade is hosting a sock donation drive to benefit **our HAW community**. This service project will serve those in need.

Put your best foot forward by donating a newly packaged pair of socks, any size.

Donations can be dropped off in boxes located in the main hallway near Oso starting on May 1st and will go through May 11.

DID YOU KNOW?

Socks are among the most requested, but least donated items at homeless shelters.

LIFE IS GROWING FAST IN PRE-K THIS SPRING

We are busy planting our gardens, journaling our caterpillars, (which are now in the chrysalis/pupa stage), and caring for our critters: Thumper the bunny (Ms. Tobi's class), Cheeky the hedgehog & Franklin the turtle (Ms. Baca's class), and our newest additions…4 baby chicks! (names TBD) It's a great day to be in PreK!!!

NMDOH
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

New Mexico Childcare/Pre-School/School Entry Immunization Requirements

New Mexico School Nurses are granted Public Health authority by the NM Secretary of Health for collecting and submitting immunization information

2023-24 school year

Vaccine	Minimum # of vaccine doses by childcare and pre-school age levels							Vaccine doses by school grade level												Notes
	by 4 mo.	by 6 mo.	by 12 mo.	by 15 mo.	16-47 mo.	48-59 mo.	≥ 60 mo.	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Diphtheria/ Tetanus/ Pertussis (DTaP/DT/Td)*	1	2	3	3	3	4	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	One dose required on/after 4th birthday. Four doses are sufficient if last dose given on/after 4th birthday, with at least 6 months between the last two doses. Five doses are preferred for optimal protection.
Tetanus/ Diphtheria/ Pertussis (Tdap)															1	1	1	1	1	1	One dose Tdap required for entry into 7th-12th grade.
Polio (IPV)* (OPV‡)	1	2	2	2	3	4 (3)	4 (3)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Students in K-12th grades final dose required on or after 4th birthday. Three doses sufficient if CDC's catch-up schedule used AND last dose was given on/after 4th birthday with at least 6 months between the last two doses.
Measles/ Mumps/ Rubella (MMR)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Min. age for valid 1st dose is 12 months. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a min. of 28 days apart.§
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)*	1	2	2	2	3/2/1	3/2/1	3/2/1														
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	Two doses adult Recombivax HB also valid if administered at age 11-15 and if dose 2 rec'd no sooner than 16 wks. after dose 1.
Pneumococcal (PCV)*	2	3	3	4/3/ 2/1	4/3/2 /1	4/3/2 /1	4/3/2/ 1/0														
Varicella (VAR)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Min. age for 1st dose is 12 mos. Dose 2 should ideally be given at age>= 4, see note on page 2. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart.§
Hepatitis A (HepA)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2											Hep A Vaccine is recommended for catch up in grades 3-12. Minimum age for valid Hep A is 12 months.
Meningococcal Men ACWY															1	1	1	1	2		1 dose required for 7th-10th grade entry. 2 doses required for grade 11 (2nd dose at age 16, at minimum 8 weeks after dose 1), and recommended for grade 12. Detailed vaccine schedule on page 2.

Recommended vaccines: These vaccines are recommended but not required for school entry at this time.

Influenza (flu): Age-appropriate vaccination is recommended every year.

HPV: HPV vaccine is strongly recommended at age 11-12, and can be given as early as age 9

COVID-19: Age-appropriate vaccinations for 6 months through 18 years are recommended. Refer to the NM Dept. of Health COVID-19 website for the latest guidance: https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-vaccine/

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Recommended # doses for adult students 19+ in secondary school

Vaccine	# Doses
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	1
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2
Varicella (VAR)	2

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Additional guidance for: Intervals, catch-up schedule, proof of immunity

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis: If child (4 months-6 years) is behind schedule, follow the CDC's catch-up schedule.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis: 7th-12th graders require proof of 1 dose of Tdap regardless of when the last Td-containing vaccine was given. Catch-up: Children 7-18 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series should be vaccinated according to the CDC's catch-up schedule, with Tdap as the 1st dose followed by Td if needed. A 3-dose series is sufficient if initiated after age 7, in which one dose must be Tdap, followed by 2 doses of Td. Children age 7-9 who receive 1 dose Tdap as part of the catch-up series require 1 additional dose at 11-12 for 7th grade entry.

Polio: A minimum of 4 weeks between doses required with 6 months between last two doses. ‡**OPV:** Only trivalent OPV counts as valid. Monovalent or bivalent OPV are not valid. All OPV doses given after 4/1/16 are assumed to be mono or bivalent.

MMR: Required 2nd dose should be given on/after 4th birthday. However, dose 2 may be given earlier with at least 4 weeks between dose 1 and 2.

Hib: If series started <12 months of age, 3 doses required with at least 1 dose on/after 1st birthday. Two doses required if dose 1 received at 12-14 months. One dose of Hib vaccine administered between age 16-59 months is sufficient. Not recommended ≥60 months of age.

Hep B: Dose 2 a minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1; dose 3 at least 16 weeks after dose 1 and at least 8 weeks after dose 2. Infants currently receiving primary series, final dose should be administered no earlier than age 24 weeks.

PCV: Administer a series of PCV13 vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6 months with a booster at age 12-15 months. Catch-up: Administer one dose of PCV13 to all healthy children 12-59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age; children >60 months, no doses required.

Varicella: For children ages 12 months to 12 years, the minimum interval between the two doses is 3 months. However, if dose 2 was administered ≥28 days after dose 1, dose 2 is considered valid and need not be repeated. For children ≥13 years, the recommended minimum interval is 4 wks. Required for proof of varicella immunity:

- For K-8th graders: Receipt of vaccine; titer or laboratory confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.
- For 9th-12th graders: Receipt of vaccine, written proof of immunity by a physician/health care provider or laboratory titer is required.
- For all newly diagnosed varicella cases: Lab confirmation of disease is required.

Hep A: One dose required by 15 months; 2 doses required at 48 mos. with at least 6 months between doses.

MenACWY: All adolescents should receive a dose of MenACWY at age 11-12. A 2nd (booster) dose is required for grade 11 (at age 16). Students who are not yet 16 upon entering 11th grade, should wait until age 16 for dose 2. Booster dose given before age 16 is not considered valid. Adolescents who receive the 1st dose at age 13 -15 should receive a booster dose at age 16. The minimum interval between MenACWY doses is 8 weeks. Adolescents who receive the 1st dose after their 16th birthday do not need a booster dose. Doses of MenACWY given to children age 9 or younger do not count for the school requirements and must be repeated at age 11-12 and boosted at age 16.

4-Day Grace Period: Any vaccine administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or age is valid; §however, the 4-day "grace period" should not be applied to the 28-day interval between live parenteral vaccines not administered at the same visit (MMR and Varicella).

*Minimum age 6 weeks

Notes

- All students enrolled in designated grades are expected to meet requirements.
- *Changes from last year's requirements are highlighted for ease of use.*

Resources

CDC Immunization Schedule has detailed footnotes and catch-up schedule
https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html

NM Immunization Protocol
https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/531/

NMSIIS
https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us

NM School Health Manual
https://www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/pchb/osah/shm/