



NEWS ON THE HORIZON

December 14, 2023

**FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL**



Dear HAW Families,

A couple reminders, as mentioned, with the changes to our calendar requirements from PED this year, if schools have a snow day or emergency day where school is canceled, the day must be made up/accounted for in our required instructional hours. I am sure you have seen the bigger districts addressing this over the last few weeks. We are also creating a plan so that meaningful learning continues at home so that we do not have to cancel a day. We will share our plan with families by grade level before winter break. Watch for more information.

Speaking of calendars. I am sure you heard that PED is proposing more calendar days and instructional hours for next year as well. The proposal requires 5 days a week for instruction, 180 days of instruction for students, and other requirements. As you can imagine, this has sparked a lot of debate. We do have some concerns about how this will impact HAW as a 4 day a week school. However, this proposed rule is just that. A proposal. And, our charter was just renewed last December. Will this truly impact HAW? We are currently working with Public Charter Schools of NM. They advocate for Charter schools and speak in one voice for its members. Next week, I will send a template for an email that families, staff members, and others may send to senators and representatives to voice concerns. I will provide more information with the template. Here is the link to the proposed rule should you want to check it out. <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rulemaking/rule-notification/>

Don't forget to pick up a copy of ABQ the Magazine (The Best Of Edition). You just might see our name in there. Hands down, we have the best school community in New Mexico! Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantrell



REMINDERS

- December menu is on our website
- Email Mrs. Andrea for uniforms, jackets, socks, or other resources, agallegos@hawest.net
- School starts at 7:45. Students who arrive after 7:50 need to be checked in at the front office.
- Email Jennifer Lacey, jlacey@hawest.net regarding our before and after school program, CREW.
- Email Ada, adagallegos@hawest.net to report absences or call and leave a message on our attendance line.
- Please keep in mind when picking up students early, they cannot be signed out after 3:00.

TRAFFIC REMINDER

Thank you for your continued patience and kindness during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. If you exit from Todos Santos, please remember to make two lanes. One lane to turn right on Bob McCannon and one lane to turn left. This does help ease the traffic congestion when leaving the school.

BEARS PLEDGE

- **Be brave in everything you do**
- **Eager to learn**
- **Achieve your best**
- **Respect yourself, others, and your environment**
- **Show kindness to all**

ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

Way to go families!! Thank you for prioritizing student attendance. Our daily attendance goal is to have 92% of students in each grade level at school. Look at these LEVELED UP results from this week. Our attendance rates will be shared next week but grade levels will not have specific incentives. It is encourage to participate in our Student Council Spirit Week.

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY





At Horizon Academy West we focus on positive behavior strategies and teachable moments to help students develop and practice appropriate social and emotional skills. Our discipline matrix is located on our website for major infractions. Teachers implement various classroom systems to promote positive behavior and to address negative behavior. We know mistakes happen and that elementary age children are learning and navigating social emotional skills and experiences. We balance that with the importance of holding children accountable for their choices and actions.

Consequences and supports are provided to help students understand the result of bad choices/inappropriate behavior and to help them learn how to handle situations in a different manner. Since our goal is to have a safe and positive learning environment for all students, parents play an important role. We value two-way communication with parents when discussing positive and negative behaviors. Expect phone calls, emails, and/or meeting requests from HAW staff members asking to talk with you about your child's behavior if concerning behaviors are observed or if incidents occur that need to be addressed. If you have any questions about our positive behavior strategies at the classroom level, contact your child's teacher. School-wide behavior and discipline questions can be addressed with Ms. Andrea, 505-998-0459 ext.107 agallegos@hawest.com. Thank you for your support and partnership.

2023-2024 YEARBOOK SALES



If you would like to purchase a Horizon Academy West 2023-2024 yearbook, visit www.YBPay.com and enter code: 14590624

INFORMATION FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE



Merry Christmas

It's hard to believe it's almost Christmas break which also means colder weather! Unfortunately, with colder weather comes coughs, colds, runny noses, and fevers. Please keep children at home if they are sick and not feeling well, your child may be carrying something very contagious.

~Remember the 24 Hour Rule of Thumb~

Students may return to school after the following: -24 hours without a temperature/fever (>100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) and without taking fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Advil/Motrin. -24 hours without nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (and tolerating a normal diet). -24 hours of receiving medication for treatment of illness/infection (such as antibiotics, eye ointments).

WHAT DOES RESEARCH SAY?

Did you know that SLEEPING is one of the most important things that we do? Besides allowing your brain rest, sleeping reduces stress, increases memory, reduces the chance of getting heart disease, diabetes, controls body weight and mood disorders.

RECOMMENDED SLEEP SCHEDULE

Elementary student: 10-12 hrs a night
Middle/High School: 8-10 hrs a night
-The American Academy of Sleep Medicine

988 SUPPORT RIGHT NOW

Free, Private and Confidential Support 24/7 by Phone, Text or Chat. If you are overwhelmed by life or emotions and you don't know where to turn, 988 is here to listen and get you private one-on-one support from a caring, understanding and non-judgmental person to help you through the moment. No matter the circumstances, don't wait to get help. Call or text 988, or chat online at www.988lifeline.org/chat.

**ROADRUNNER
FOOD BANK**
OF NEW MEXICO



CALL FOR HELP: Roadrunner Food Bank provides information to food distribution in your area. ALL you need is your area code!
Call Center available M-F 8-5pm

505-349-5340

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*Wishing you and your family
a very blessed holiday season
and a very bright new year
from - Charter School
Nursing Services*

KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY
SERVICE PROJECT

Horizon Academy West Kindergarten

is collecting

Pop Tabs

November 2023 through March 20, 2024



Collect your beverage tabs and help support the house that love built -- a temporary "home-away-from-home" for families of seriously ill or injured children being treated at nearby hospitals.

Find tabs on soda cans, vegetable cans, soups cans etc...

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 the recognition this year. If you would like to share information about your child in our newsletter, email information and photo to agallegos@hawest.net.



Demetris, in 5th grade, has been busy in our community with the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program! He performed for all the students at East San Jose Elementary. He helped assemble and prepare luminarias for the AYSP's largest fundraiser of the year, over 9,000 dozen luminarias were sold! Demetris finished off the Fall season with a Fall concert at Eldorado High School. Great Work!





SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Our Sunshine Committee supports and celebrates our staff throughout the school year. Staff members contribute to this fund and our Sunshine Committee does T-shirt Tuesdays as a fundraiser to sponsor events for staff. On T-shirt Tuesday, students bring \$1.00 and may wear a school appropriate t-shirt with their uniform bottoms. The money is collected by our Sunshine Committee. This is separate from PTO's Dollar Demin and there is not a prepay option.

The dates below are the T-shirt Tuesday dates for the first semester.

Sept. 5th AND 19th

Oct. 3rd AND 17th

Nov. 14th

Dec. 5th AND 19th



FIRST GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

HAW Families,

Our school raised 260 toys! 1st grade is thankful for your efforts and participation. We could not have done it without you! Because of your giving, a child isn't going to go through this holiday without a present! Your family is going to put a smile on someone's face and make their day. Way to show BEAR pride!! Each of these classes earned a class party!

1st Place-Mrs. Baldwin's class with 28 toys- Pizza Party

2nd Place-Mrs. Gabaldon's class with 27 toys- Hot Chocolate Party

3rd Place- Mrs. Schmid's class with 16 toys- Candy Party

Thank you,

1st Grade Team!



NEWS FROM MS. WHATLEY IN THE ART ROOM

Hello everyone, I hope your week was wonderful and not too busy. We have been very busy in the art room creating different types of holiday art first and second grade have been working on their poinsettias. They used pastels to trace and color in and used tissue paper for the center of their poinsettias.

I hung up in the hall, artwork from Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Schmid's second grade classes! I think they look great!



Kindergarten has been finishing up their pop, art handprints. This is one of my favorite projects! I hung up Mrs. Rodriguez's pop art handprints Great job students

For the new artist of the week, I chose Sophia Cordova And Remi, Luna, Both from Ms. Lacey's First grade class! Great job students



I hope everyone has a fabulous and creative week!
Ms. Whatley



PTO INFORMATION

All PTO events and information is posted to our social media and Remind accounts. You can also find the links to order Spirit Shirts and Hoodies. The links will continue to stay open throughout the school year. We will fill orders as they come in.

Our order cut off is 10am every Friday. Any orders placed thereafter will be included in the following weeks order. Currently our delivery time is about 2 weeks from the time we submit the order to the vendor. If you have not received your order and it's been longer than 2 weeks, reach out to us at pto@hawest.net include your students name, teacher, and grade in the email. Thank you to all our family and friends that participated in our Pizza 9 Family Night. All proceeds earned will go directly to next PTO sponsored event.

Follow us on our social media pages for the most up-to-date PTO information and for event announcements.

Don't forget to add the Dollar Denim Days to your calendars.

Dollar Denim Days:		
Aug. 17 th	Nov. 9 th	Feb. 22 nd
Aug. 31 st	Nov. 30 th	Mar. 7 th
Sept. 14 th	Dec. 14 th	Apr. 4 th
Sept. 28 th	Jan. 11 th	Apr. 18 th
Oct. 12 th	Jan. 25 th	May 2 nd
Oct. 26 th	Feb. 8 th	May 16 th

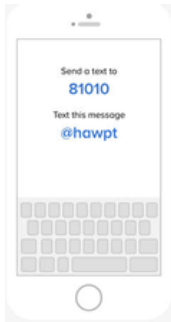
We still have plenty of Spirit Shirts and Hoodies in stock. Order through our links on Instagram, Facebook or download the newsletter to click on the links.



<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLNAZ68XGG08E/checkout/BE4MIPJXBD2CRKXDFPMCYZIZ>

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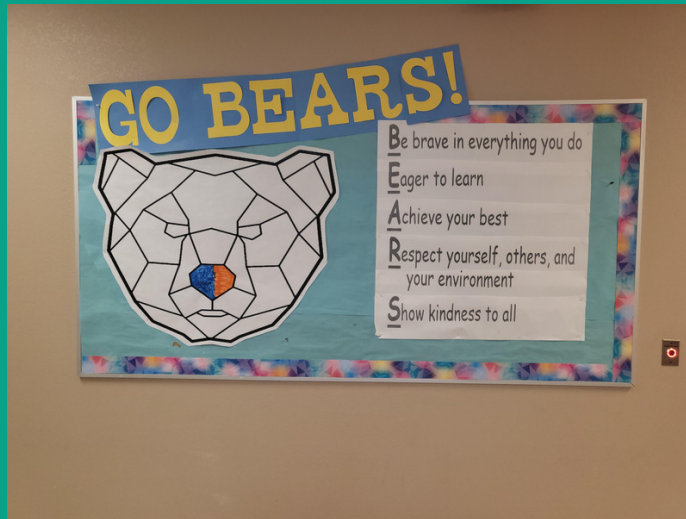
<https://square.link/u/EIFwT7gP>



@HAW.PTO

BEARS BONUS

Students in Mrs. Blackshear's class are the first to complete their BEAR BONUS poster! They celebrated today with a pizza party. GO BEARS!



STUDENT COUNCIL INFORMATION

Candy Cane CANDY GRAMS



\$2

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Candy Grams are here! Candy Grams will be available to purchase December 4th - 20th.

Students can buy a Candy Gram for anyone special to them; family, friends, teachers, school staff, etc!
Grams will be delivered the week of December 18th.

The cost will be \$2 per gram. All proceeds will go to Student Council for future projects within our school.

Spirit Week HORIZON ACADEMY WEST

Sponsored by Student Council

December 18 - 20, 2023

Monday 12/18 - Bear Pride Day

(Dress in school colors from head to toe.)

Tuesday 12/19 - 80's Day

(Wear your best 1980's style.)


Wednesday 12/20 - Favorite Character Day

(Dress like your favorite book, T.V. or movie character.)

Thursday 12/21 - Pajama Day

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS


A huge shout out to the following businesses for donating items for our staff holiday party. We value their partnership and had a great time raffling off items at our gathering. Thank you!



Divine Delights
by Jessica

Holiday '23

Menu



Yeast Bread

<i>Classic Cinnamon Rolls</i>	<i>6 / \$20</i>
"jumbo" in size, topped with cream cheese frosting	<i>12 / \$36</i>
<i>Pecan Sticky Buns</i>	<i>6 / \$24</i>
classic buns inverted & covered in pecan caramel syrup	<i>12 / \$42</i>
<i>Chocolate Babka</i>	<i>1 loaf / \$20</i>
brioche bread, swirled with rich chocolate, light sugar glaze	
<i>Braided Challah</i>	<i>1 loaf / \$18</i>
crispy shell with soft & fluffy interior; large loaf yields 10 servings	

COOKIE GIFT BOX 6 / \$10

Do you need holiday gifts for your coworkers, neighbors, friends, family, or your child's teachers? Divine Delights has you covered! Cookies come in a festive holiday box. ***BAKER'S FLAVOR CHOICE***

Pie/Cheesecake/Cookies

<i>"Buckeye" Pie</i>	<i>\$28</i>
chocolate wafer crust, peanut butter mousse filling, finished with chocolate ganache and candied peanuts	
<i>Dutch Apple</i>	<i>\$29</i>
locally sourced apples from Costanza Orchard in Belen, NM; oat crumble topping	
<i>Dutch Apple Cranberry</i>	<i>\$30</i>
a seasonal take on our apple pie; studded with fresh cranberries and spices	
<i>ALL PIES CAN BE MADE GLUTEN FREE* (additional \$2 fee per pie)</i>	
<i>*ALLERGY STATEMENT* Divine Delights is not a dedicated GF facility. Appropriate sanitation measures are practiced, however risk of cross contamination is always present.</i>	
<i>Holiday Cookie Trays</i>	
be the talk of the cookie exchange or party, or gift a tray to family & friends!	
Flavor Choices: red velvet crinkle, snickerdoodle, holiday M&M, butter spritz, white chocolate cranberry, chocolate orange ricotta meltaways, brown butter molasses, sugar cookie blossom.	
<i>Small Tray (buyers choice of 3 flavors, serves 10-12)</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Large Tray (buyers choice of 6 flavors, serves 18-20)</i>	<i>\$50</i>

<i>Classic Vanilla Bean Cheesecake</i>	<i>\$40</i>
NY style base with real vanilla beans; finished with whipped cream and sprinkles	
<i>Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake</i>	<i>\$45</i>
vanilla bean base with swirls of homemade raspberry coulis baked in	
<i>Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake</i>	<i>\$45</i>
chocolate Oreo crust, decadent chocolate peppermint filling, topped with fudgy ganache and peppermint bark	
<i>DIY Sugar Cookie Decorating Kit</i>	<i>6 / \$18</i> <i>12 / \$30</i>
perfect holiday activity for kids and grandkids! boxes come with housemade sugar cookies, signature buttercream, and containers of sprinkles/candy	

The link to the order form is: <https://forms.gle/zFNbKNXubLqKs1896>



COMMUNITY EVENTS

BERN CO Parks, Recreation & Open Space

ALL AGES!

Swim With SANTA

DEC. 15
SPLASH DANCE!
 5 - 6 P.M.
DIVE IN MOVIE!
 6 - 9 P.M.

FAMILY FUN!!!
 FREE GIFT BAGS AND CANDY!
 ARTS & CRAFTS!
GAMES!
 PICTURES WITH SANTA!

Dr. Seuss
GRINCH

Rio Grande Indoor Pool
 2312 Arenal Road SW, Abq, NM 87105
Cost is Regular Admission
 For more info call Aquatics @ (505) 314-0169

WIBIT!


SOUL-stice
 at National Dance Institute of NM

Dec 16 | Great vendors! Free show!
 2-8 pm | Open house!

NDI Hiland Theater, 4800 Central SE

BOOKS ON THE BOSQUE  EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK/ JOLABOKAFLOD (CHRISTMAS BOOK FLOOD) ALL MONTH LONG!						
3 Holiday Bookmark Craft Day Barbara Scott 1pm	4	5	6 Shut Up & Write 5:30pm	7	8	9 Christmas Jazz 11am Sarena Ulibarri Steel Tree 2pm
10 AUTHOR EVENT Sue Boggio & Mare Pearl Hungry Shoes 2pm	11	12 BOOK CLUBS 	13 It's A Hardback Life Book Club 11am & 5:30pm The Wishing Game Shut Up & Write 5:30pm	14 Rated R for Reading Book Club 5:30pm The Christmas Wager	15 Grim Readers Book Club 5:30pm Never Whistle At Night	16 AUTHOR EVENT Vaunda Micheaux Nelson 12pm-2pm
17  HARRY POTTER TRIVIA NIGHT 6PM	18 HARRY POTTER TRIVIA NIGHT 6PM	19 JOIN US @ SHEEHAN WINERY FOR BOOK & WINE PAIRING 2-5PM	20 Shut Up & Write 5:30pm	21 	22 Hot Cocoa Bar Free Hot Cocoa & Xmas Poetry with Hakim Bellamy 5:30pm	23 Joined By Author! Outer-World Explorers Book Club 3pm The Scourge Between Stars
24 Closing at 2pm CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 	27 Shut Up & Write 5:30pm	28	29	30 ABQ Moms Book Club 9am One Day In December