



NEWS ON THE HORIZON

FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL



January 11, 2024

Dear HAW Families,

Happy New Year! Our first week back together was successful. The winter temperatures sure hit. Be sure to send heavier jackets, gloves, and hats. We do try to get the kiddos outside, even if it is for a few minutes. Just a reminder to label those articles of clothing. Remind your child to check the lost and found in the cafeteria for any lost articles.

The 24-25 Lottery Application is OPEN for grades K-5. The link can be found on our Website. This link is for NEW students only. That includes all Kindergarten students (even if you are currently in the NM PREK program with us). Current students, K-5, should not use this link. Encourage your family and friends to apply and join the HAW family for the 24-25 school year. Our first lottery pull will be in March. We have not opened our lottery for new PreK students. We are waiting on grant and funding information. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Registrar, Mrs. Ada Gallegos at adagallegos@hawest.net.

In December, students in grades 3-5 participated in our classroom and school Spelling Bee. We are so proud of all of our super spellers. Our three Champs will participate in the district Spelling Bee tomorrow morning. Good luck to 5th graders Chloe C., Gracelynn L., and Josiah C-S. GO BEARS!

Thank you for your partnership. It sure does take a team to support the education of our children. I am especially grateful for our teachers and staff who work tirelessly to provide a rigorous, creative, and well-rounded education for all students. And, thank you to our families for supporting those efforts at home.

No school on Monday as we observe Martin Luther King Jr's birthday. Have a wonderful long weekend.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cantrell

REMINDERS

- January menu is on our website before January 8th
- 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.
- January 15th- NO SCHOOL
- Items in the lost and found will be donated next week. Parents are welcome to check in at the office to identify items.
- T-Shirt Tuesday is Tuesday, January 16th. Send one dollar with your student and he or she can wear a non-uniform shirt with khaki bottoms.

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 UPDATE

Our attendance team is working on the details of our attendance campaign. Information will be shared as soon as our campaign is finalized. Thank you!

ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS

This year, Horizon's 4th graders have been chosen to participate in the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress), often called the "Nation's Report Card". This is an awesome opportunity for HAW to represent New Mexico! This assessment is part of the federally required ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Fifty of our 4th grade students have been randomly selected by NAEP to participate. If your child was selected, you will receive a notification letter after the winter break. This will not affect your child's grade. Because Horizon 4th graders will participate in this assessment in February, 4th grade will not take the Middle of Year assessments (iMSSA Reading & Math) normally taken in January. More information will be coming after the break, but if you have questions, please direct them to our Testing Coordinator, Kathy Young (kyoung@hawest.net).

FIELD WISH LIST

Our HAW community is amazing! Thank you so much for the items that have been purchased for our school field. Please reference your email for the link to the Amazon wish list.



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

Yearbooks will be made in the Spring and will be delivered towards the end of the school year.

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...

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.

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

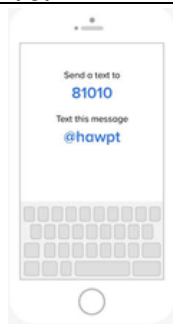
We have still have plenty of Spirit Shirts and Hoodies in stock. Order through our links on Instagram, Facebook or download the newsletter to click on the links.



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