



NEWS ON THE HORIZON

FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL



January 18, 2024

Dear HAW Families,

Happy Thursday! It was a great week of teaching and learning. I hope your week has been a good one. Can you believe we are in the middle of January?

By now, I am sure you have seen the media coverage about the proposed rule from the Public Education Department. The proposed rule, if passed, mandates that all schools add more instructional time with students to the calendar. This would equate to no less than 180 student days. Schools that operate on a 4-day a week calendar would be affected the most (that's HAW). Finding more days would definitely be a challenge in a traditional August to May calendar. We are currently waiting for a ruling from PED. Should this happen, we will create a survey to gather feedback from our community (families, staff, and students). Creativity will be the name of the game.

Our K-5 NEW STUDENT LOTTERY for the 24-25 School Year is now open and the link can be found on our Website. Do not use this link for current students if your child is currently in grades K-4. We will send a separate link in February for your intent to return. We have not opened a NM PreK Lottery for new PreK students. We must confirm adequate funding before our commitment. Please watch our Website for updates.

Common Sense Media is one of my favorite sites to share. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>. It truly is a great resource for families as you navigate technology, social media, games, APPs, and movies. They suggest ratings based on your child's age and offer some great insight to keep your child safe when they are online. Check it out if you have some time.

Thank you for your continued partnership with us. Have a restful and family-focused weekend.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cantrell

REMINDERS

- Email Ada, adagallegos@hawest.net to report absences or call and leave a message on our attendance line.
- When emailing and/ or calling in an absence, include the following information:
 - Child's full name
 - Grade/Teacher
 - Reason for the absence
- January 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.
- Please keep in mind when picking up students early, they cannot be signed out after 3:00.
- Items in the lost and found will be donated next week. Parents are welcome to check in at the office to identify items.

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 next week.

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.

REMINDER ABOUT MORNING PROCEDURES

Haw Families,

We have noticed many families are driving through our front parking lot to drop off their children in the morning. Please know that the front is not a drive through drop off. The back lanes are for drive through drop off. The gate in the back closes at 7:45. Any student that is coming in through the front doors near the cafeteria must be walked to the door. This is to maintain safety and efficiency to get our day started by 7:45. Please remember that the front door closes at 7:50. Any student that arrives after that time must be checked in at the office and is marked tardy. As we start our attendance campaign it is critical that all children are in their classroom by 7:50 for the morning announcements.

7:30 Drop Off Procedure (can be in the front or the back of the school for grades K-5)



Pre-K: Classroom teacher will provide more information about drop off.

Before School program: Drive through and drop off students at the gym at 7:00. Families must register and pay for this program.

Front: Park in parking lot, street or Community Baptist Church parking lot and walk students to sidewalk along building. Please stay with your child(ren) until they enter the school. Doors open at 7:30 by staff. This is a drop off option for all K-5 students. Please use crosswalks to ensure safety. *****FRONT PARKING LOT IS FOR PARKING ONLY, NOT A DRIVE THROUGH.**

Back: Drive through drop off. Please follow the green arrows. Two lanes. Staff will assist students get out of vehicles at orange cones at 7:30. Students enter at back cafeteria doors. This is a drive through drop off option for all K-5 students. *****Back gate will open at 7:00. Please do not block staff parking lot.**



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



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

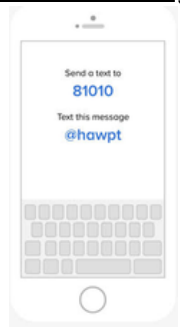
Dollar Denim Days:

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.



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