



NEWS ON THE HORIZON

January 25, 2024



FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL

Dear HAW Families,

Thursday greetings to you all. Did you notice the first full moon of 2024 last night? It was called the wolf moon and it peaked in the sky yesterday. It was super bright and super full. One of my favorite science topics to teach was the phases of the moon. Of course, I used Oreo cookies as a model, so that made it a yummy topic too.

Great teaching and learning continue to happen each day. This week, I want to highlight our first grade. So much learning happens in first grade. I observed math practice with word problems (counting coins!), spelling practice with spelling chains, independent practice using reading skills, and working in small groups. The progression of learning has been remarkable to see. Thank you to our amazing first grade team and to our supportive families for supporting our kiddos along the way.

We begin each day with morning announcements. During this time, we review our Bears pledge and focus on being kind throughout the day. We share stories about building character. Ask your child what he or she remembers about the daily announcements. It warms my heart when students repeat these messages back to me or to his or her classmates.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Let us know how we can continue to support your family.

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.

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**

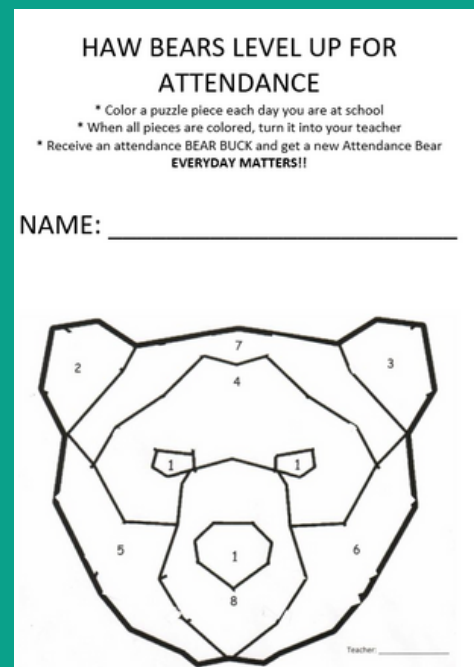
ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH..... HAW BEARS CONTINUE TO LEVEL UP!!!

- The focus is on individual student attendance, including getting to school on time. Remember students are to be in class by 7:45 and no later than 7:50.
- Students in grades K-5 will have individual attendance bear puzzles divided into 8 pieces (representing two weeks of school) to color.
- Every morning during announcements it will be announced to take out the attendance bear to color in a piece for the day.
- Any student that comes in after announcements does not color in a piece of the bear for that day. (students are still marked tardy after 7:50)
- Once all 8 pieces of the bear are colored in, the student gives the attendance bear to his/her teacher and the teacher gives the student an attendance BEAR BUCK (these are gold and worth \$2.00!!!) AND a new attendance bear paper.
- Students will complete the attendance bear puzzle at different times, depending on the consistency of his/her attendance.

Students liked seeing the grade level attendance rates displayed in the cafeteria, so this will continue to be displayed for them. The goal continues to be 92% or better for each grade level. Instead of grade level celebrations, we will now focus on individual student attendance.

Please talk about attendance with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated.
GO BEARS!!!



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).

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Rodriguez's class had a parent volunteer help make terrariums. It was educational and fun!



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



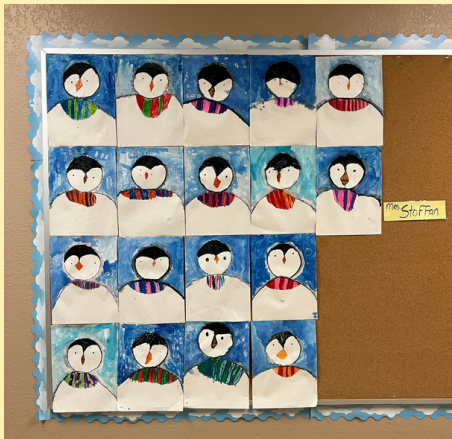
Find tabs on soda cans, vegetable cans, soups cans etc...

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.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

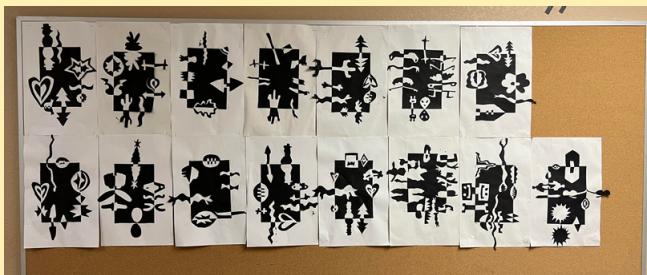
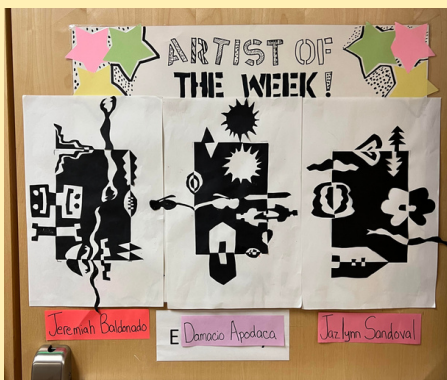
Hello everyone I hope you all have had a great break, It's been a while since I've put anything in the newsletter. But All the students have been very busy and art since we got back from break. Kindergarten and first grades been working on penguins. Here is a picture of Mrs. Stoffan's kindergarten class' penguins. Third grade has been working on polar bears. Here is Mrs. Gavaldon's 's polar bears! Great job students!



Mrs. Blackshear's class have been working on Notans, Last week I chose three of her students for artists of the week, Showcasing their Notans, Jeremiah Baldonado, Damasio Apodaca, and Jazlynn Sandoval! Great job students.

And here is a picture of some of the rest of the class' Notans! Great job students. This was a very difficult and demanding project!

And now for this weeks, artist of the week, Fifth grade has been working on aboriginal art from Australia, I chose this lesson for the artist of the week. Chloe Cordova, and Genesis Gabaldon, from Ms. McMasters class and Natalie Predika, from Ms Martin's class Beautiful job students!



I hope everyone has a fabulous and creative weekend!

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.

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

February Activities

PTO is selling Valentine Grams....with a little different spin. Check your students folders and backpacks for order forms. All orders must be returned no later than February 8th.

Mother Daughter Paint Night planning is almost complete....stay tuned for information to come out soon.

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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