



NEWS ON THE HORIZON

February 15, 2024



FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL

Dear HAW Families,

It was a busy week of teaching and learning (and fun events) around HAW. I hope your week has been productive as well. The newsletter looks long, but please do take a moment to read it all the way to the end for some important happenings and updates.

Just a reminder, we are in school on Monday. This is the 2nd year that we needed to use Presidents' Day as an instructional day to meet the requirements as a 4-day a week school. The benefit is that we have every Friday off. Check out the calendar on our Website for upcoming breaks and days off.

Many classes have been studying the Chinese Lunar New Year. As a special treat on Monday, February 19th, the Quang Minh Lion Dancers will be performing a parade style dance through our hallways. The dance group is a non-profit youth group with dancers as young as 12 years old! They perform at schools, private events, and grand opening events. What a great way to learn about other cultures for all of our students.

As promised, the Intent to Return form will be sent out Monday or Tuesday of next week. This is for current students in grades K-4. Watch your email for the link and a code specific to your child. You must fill out a separate form for each child. Please remember, once a deadline is provided, the form must be completed as seats will be released to those on our 24-25 lottery. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Ada Gallegos at adagallegos@hawest.net.

For the last few years, we have monitored the fiscal sustainability of housing the NM PreK program at HAW. At this time, we made the hard decision to no longer house PreK at HAW. It was not a decision we took lightly and have consulted with ECECD to find solutions. The current program will continue until the end of May. If you are in need a PreK program and would like other resources, please check out the NM PreK Website. Have a wonderful weekend. We appreciate your continued support.

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
- February 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.
- Please remember to be patient and take turns when leaving the school during dismissal.

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**

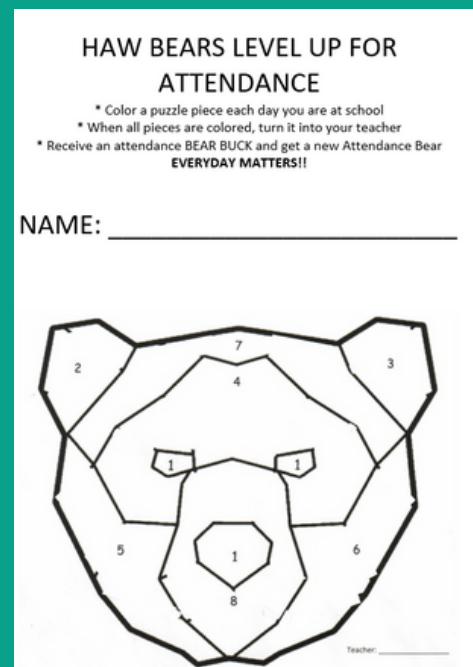
ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

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).

POPCORN FUNDRAISER-DC/NYC TRIP 2024



Carnivore popcorn fundraiser will begin on the 15th-29th Order forms will be due back on the 29th. Cost of each bag is \$10 cash only. This fundraiser is not sponsored by HAW. Fundraising will be going to the 5th grade class trip to NY/ Washington D.C in May. Order forms were sent home this week with children.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Martin kmartin@hawest.net

REMINDERS ABOUT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Thank you for following traffic flow patterns for arrival and dismissal. Below is a visual as a reminder to not park along Bob McCannon or near the corner on Todos Santos. That area is labeled with the **blue arrows**. This allows for our families to create a line to get to the school that doesn't interfere with the general traffic. The other component that helps traffic flow is if two lanes are formed when leaving on Todos Santos and Bob McCannon. That is shown by the **red arrows**. This allows for families to turn right without waiting for cars to turn left. This helps reduce the long lines. The goal is to have a flow of traffic coming into the school and leaving the school at arrival and dismissal. If everyone follows as shown below, it will allow traffic to flow a little smoother.

ATTENTION PARENTS THAT PICK UP STUDENTS AT THE FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE AREA: Please follow the procedure of staying in your vehicle and driving through the line to pick up your child. Getting out and walking poses a safety concern and slows down the dismissal process. Our staff works hard to make dismissal timely and has been able to have dismissal completed by 3:45.

As always, thank you for your patience and kindness during arrival and dismissal.





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...

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Contact Coach Bowker if you are interested in joining a committee to help plan field day. Field day will be on Wednesday, May 22nd. Volunteers will also be needed to help with activities field day. abowker@hawest.net

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful week. We have been very busy in the art room creating dragons and mittens. Fifth grade created Agamographs! Here's a picture of first grade firecracker dragons from Ms. Vloria's class. Next here's a picture of Mrs. Baldwin's kinder class. They made ABC's. Great job class! Here's a picture of the Agamographs that all of 5th grade has been creating!



For the artist of the week, I chose second grades pattern mittens! I chose Madison Gallegos, and Jaylin Huber, both from Mrs. Yaksich's second grade class! Great job students!



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

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.

On January 27, Logan Marr, 2nd grader in Ms. Montano's class was able to attend the grand opening ribbon cutting of DaVinci's Machines - an exhibit at The National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. The display is from Florence, Italy and allows guests to explore the power of creative genius and the process of invention. The hands on display is open through May 16, 2024.



SPRING PICTURE DAY



Picture day is on Monday, February 26th
Options for purchasing individual and class photos are available.
Ordering information was sent home with students this week.

Students must wear school uniform on picture day.

BEAR PRIDE

Mrs. Schmid's 2nd grade class worked hard as a class to complete their BEAR POSTER.
GO BEARS!!



BOOK BUDDIES

Mrs. Baca's PreK and their 4th grade learning buddies in Mrs. Rappuhns class enjoyed learning about Lunar New Year together and made lanterns.



VALENTINE'S DAY LEARNING IN KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Baldwin's class had a great Valentine's Day. Some of their activities included love monsters, estimating how many hearts in the jar, graphing with candy hearts, and 'We Mustache you to be our Valentine!'



5th Grade Community Project

ARGOS



A SHELTER DOG RESCUE

February 1st – 29th, 2024. Show dogs some love.

Argos Dog Rescue is dedicated to helping stray and shelter dogs in the Albuquerque area get healthcare, fostering, & training with the hope of being adopted because every dog deserves love. Send in new and VERY GENTLY used items to help Argos OR go to the link below to make a monetary donation. Together, we can make a difference.

ITEMS TO SEND

Dog beds, bowls, blankets, towels, leashes, collars, dog sweaters, dog food, dog shampoo, treats, and toys.

DONATE \$ DIRECTLY

<https://argosdogrescue.org/donation/>



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 still have 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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February Activities

Mother-Daughter Paint Night will be on February 29th, 5:00 – 8:00pm at Ladera Golf Course, 3401 Ladera Dr NW, 87120. \$30 for 1 adult and 1 HAW student, \$5 for each additional HAW student, limited to currently enrolled students. This event is in lieu of the Father-Daughter Dance. We decided to switch things up this year and give Moms a night with their daughters. A Father-Son event will be held in the near future, details will be announced soon.

Thank you for supporting Horizon Academy West PTO!

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST PTO PRESENTS

MOTHER DAUGHTER PAINT NIGHT

Art instruction led by:
Betty & Lori LaBarre

February 29th 2024

5:00pm-8:00pm

LADERA GOLF COURSE
-NOTAH BEGAY BALLROOM-
3401 LADERA DR. NW
87120

\$30 FOR ADULT & HAW STUDENT PAIR
\$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HAW STUDENT.

Light Dinner, Dessert & Refreshments

**This is a Non-Refundable Event*

Please return this portion of the form along with your payment by **February 22nd**
If you are paying online, please include your child's first/last name and phone number in the "Details"

Student(s) _____ Teacher(s) _____

Grade(s) _____ 1 Adult + 1 HAW student = \$30
Add'l HAW student(s) # _____ x \$5 = \$ _____ total

Payment Method (select one):
Cash ___ Check ___ Online ___ Receipt # _____

Please make checks payable to: Horizon Academy West PTO





February 2024

www.abqlibrary.org

Central & Unser Library

8081 Central NW Albuquerque, NM 87121 505.768.4320

SUNDAY 1 p.m. — 5 p.m. 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	MONDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	TUESDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	WEDNESDAY 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.	THURSDAY 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.	FRIDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.	SATURDAY 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
 <p>February is Love your Library Month! Support your local Library by... Getting a Library card, returning overdue items, coming to Library programs, and MORE!</p>				1	2 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	3 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Any Book Book Club
4 5 6 7 Movie @ 1:30 p.m. Books to the Big Screen Mrs. Miniver (TV-G) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop In Board Games	10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Crafty Club 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics **	10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Family Storytime 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**	1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Westside Artists 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**	8 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Play Time at the Library 15	9 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	10 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Lego Club
11 Movie @ 1:30 p.m. You've Got Mail (PG) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop In Board Games	12 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics ** 4 p.m. Love Monster Box Craft	13 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Family Storytime 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. After-School Makers	14 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Westside Artists 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics** 6:30 p.m. Central and Unser Library History Book Club 6:30 p.m. Love Your Library Tour	10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Bilingual Storytime	16 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	17 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Public Speaking Assistance
18 Movie @ 1:30 p.m. My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop In Board Games	19 All Libraries Closed	20 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics**	21 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Westside Artists 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Computer & Tech Basics** 5:30p.m. - 6:30 p.m. LEAP into Science	22 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Play Time at the Library 29	23 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group	24 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Lego Club
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** = Registration Required. Available in English & Español. Must have a library card in good standing, know PIN & any relevant passwords.

Please contact us to register for a class!

