



NEWS ON THE HORIZON

February 22, 2024



FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL

Dear HAW Families,

What a great week of teaching and learning at HAW! Thank you for prioritizing attendance in school. It really does matter.

Thank you to all who filled out the 24-25 intent to return form. This form is for current students in grades K-4. Check your email for the link and a code specific to your child. You must fill out a separate form for each child. The hard deadline to complete the form is Monday, March 4. The form must be completed by 8:00 am on March 4, as seats will be released to those on our 24-25 lottery and your family must return to the lottery. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Ada Gallegos at adagallegos@hawest.net.

Drop-off and Pick Up Reminders. Please be mindful of staff directives. Honking, shaking your head, using inappropriate gestures and language does not make traffic go any faster. We are juggling kids, cars, and pedestrians to keep everyone safe. Slow down and remove distractions like the cell phone. Speaking of pick-up, do not park near the stop sign as we do need two lanes of traffic for efficiency. And, do not park on Bob McCannon where traffic is turning onto Todos Santos. At the beginning of the year, we used traffic cones, but that is not allowed on a city street. Thank you for your patience and your assistance.

Check out the calendar on our Website for important dates and days off as we head into March.

Have a wonderful weekend. We appreciate your continued support. Go Bears!

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**

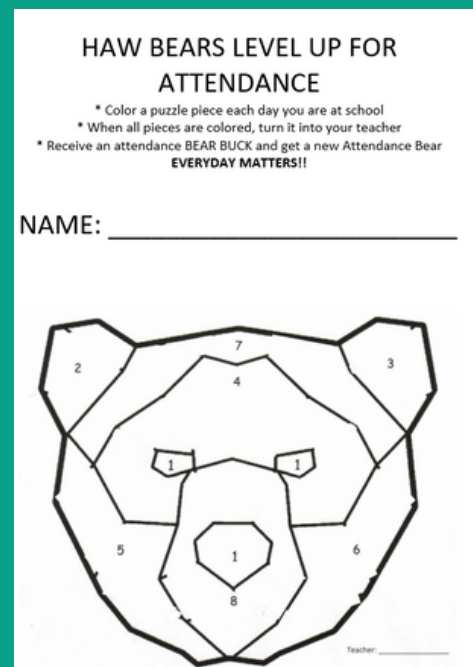
ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

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.

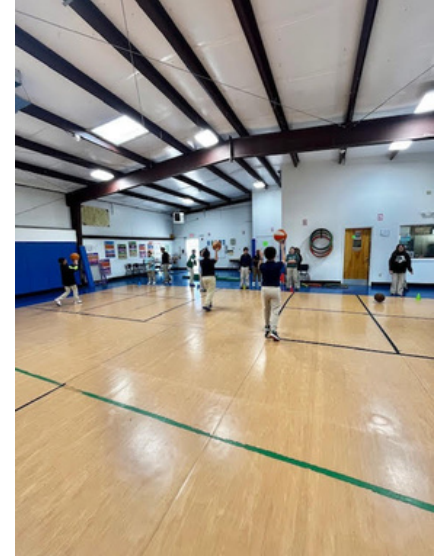
Students liked seeing the grade level attendance rates displayed in the cafeteria, so this will continue to be displayed for them. The goal continues to be 92% or better for each grade level. Instead of grade level celebrations, we will now focus on individual student attendance.

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



NEWS FROM COACH BOWKER

During PE in the next few weeks grades 2nd-5th will be working on ball-handling skills and dribbling practice. Dribbling is a fundamental basketball skill that requires hand-eye coordination, good timing, and practice. Also, I taught students a new game that I like to call The Cone Dash. A fun race that you can do anywhere, even in small spaces. It was a super fun and productive week in the gym!



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.

******LAST DAY TO ORDER YEARBOOK IS MARCH 21ST.**

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

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.

Brynn Spaltenstein from Mrs. Keelings class, participated in the Varsity Cheersport Competition in Atlanta, Georgia this past weekend. Her team "Spice Girls" from NM Elite Cheer, took 4th place out of 9 teams and received the "Pass the Mat" award for their sportsmanship.

HAWesom Job Brynn!!



SPRING PICTURE DAY

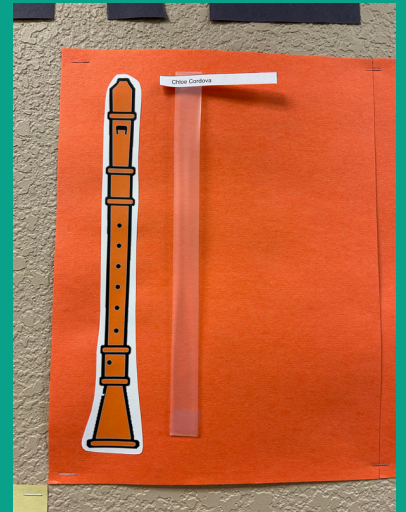
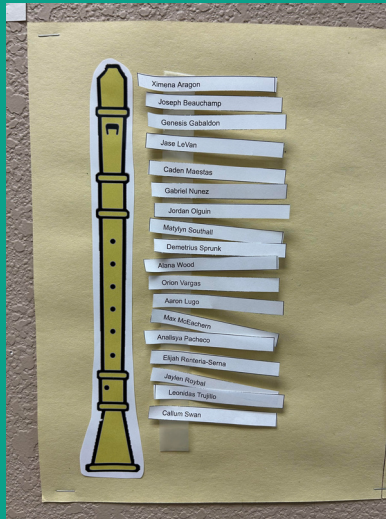
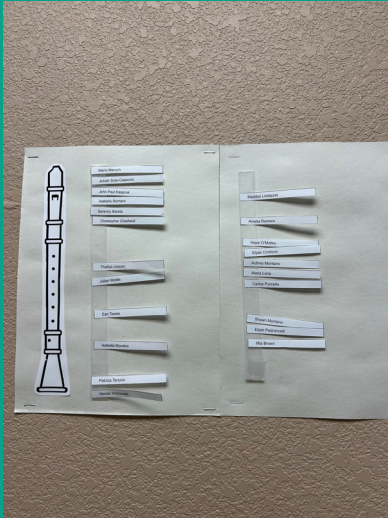


Picture day is on Monday, February 26th
Options for purchasing individual and class photos are available.
Ordering information was sent home with students this week.

Students must wear school uniform on picture day.

LEARNING IN MUSIC

Fifth graders have been learning and practicing the recorder for the past month. These students have proven they can play songs consisting of two notes (white belt) and three notes (yellow and orange belts). They have been working hard to get in the Recorder Hall of Fame!!



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.

Thursday February 22nd is that last day to reserve your spot for the Mother-Daughter Paint Night. Cash and checks must be turned in by the end of the school day. Please ensure your name and phone number are listed on the payment form along with your student's name, grade, and teacher. Online payment will be open until midnight. All payment links are located on our social media pages. Contact us at pto@hawest.net if you have any questions.

We also have a fun surprise planned for students on February 29th, watch our social media pages for hints.....

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

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

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

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR SCIENCE NIGHT

Sandia Family Science Events provided by Explora are supported through financial contributions from Sandia National Labs and are offered to Elementary schools in the Albuquerque area at no charge.

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Sandia National Laboratories



**Please Join Us for
Sandia Family Science by Explora**

Thursday, March 7, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

In the School Cafeteria

**Students... bring your family and work together on
fun hands-on science experiments!**

¡explora!



Sandia National Laboratories



Acompáñenos a Ciencia en Familia con Explora

jueves, 7 de marzo de 2024

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

en la cafetería de la escuela



**¡Estudiantes... traigan a sus familia
para trabajar y divertirse juntos con juegos de
ciencia!**

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!

