



# NEWS ON THE HORIZON

February 29, 2024



## **FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL**

Dear HAW Families,

Happy Leap Day! Hope your extra day was a good one. Our creative PTO hid frogs all over campus. Kiddos that found a frog with a golden crown received an out of uniform pass. It was LEAPS of fun.

As we head into March, here are a few dress code reminders. Consistency is important and we appreciate your help as you send your child to school each day. You may find the entire dress code listed in this newsletter and on our Website in our handbook for your convenience. I announced to our kiddos on Wednesday morning and highlighted three things. Polo shirts are navy blue in color. Hats are to be worn outside at recess only. And, sweaters, sweatshirts, and vests are solid navy or khaki. We understand clothing styles, trends, and social norms change. With that, our staff will take a look at our dress code for the 24-25 school year. Stay tuned as we will communicate any potential changes before the end of this year. Thank you, again, for your support.

Last Call! All current families in grades K-4 must complete the intent to return form by Monday, March 4 at 8:00 am. This form will secure your child's seat for the 24-25 school year. You must complete a form for each child in your family. All families that do not complete a form by Monday morning will be placed in our lottery. Please let Mrs. Ada know if you are having any issues submitting the form. Her email is [adagallegos@hawest.net](mailto:adagallegos@hawest.net).

Speaking of our lottery, our first lottery selection is March 7 for new students grades K-5. Last count, 192 applications were submitted. That is BEARY great news!

It is difficult to navigate everything our kids are exposed to online. What APPs are safe? Should my child watch YouTube? How much screen time is too much? Is it OK if I don't allow my child online? I read a great article about YouTube Kids that I wanted to share this week. It is from one of my favorite Websites. You can also search for ratings and more information about popular YouTube channels.

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube-kids>

Hope you are able to find some time to relax as a family this weekend. GO BEARS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantrell

## REMINDERS

- Email Ada, [adagallegos@hawest.net](mailto: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
- March menu is on our website
- Email Mrs. Andrea for uniforms, jackets, socks, or other resources, [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto: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](mailto: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**

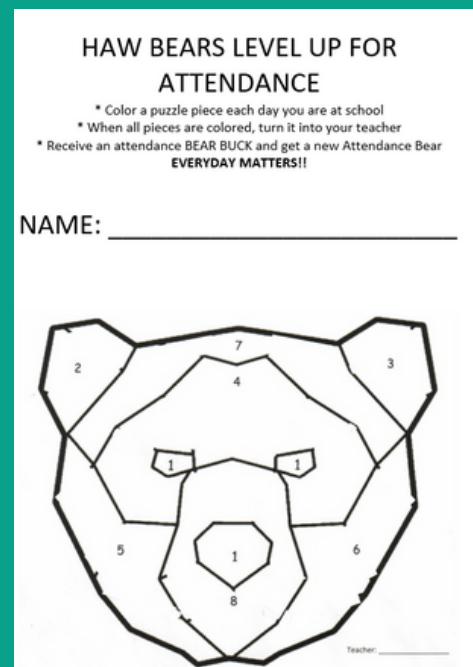
# ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

## 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!!!



# Horizon Academy West - Student Dress Code (K-5)

## ***Shirt/Blouse/Tops***

1. Must be a solid color – Navy Blue
2. **Approved styles are:**  
Long or short-sleeved collared polo (no brand logos).
3. School Spirit T-Shirts (special days will be announced).
4. Shirts must be tucked in.

## ***Pants/Skirts/Dresses***

1. Must be a solid color –Khaki
2. **Approved styles are:**  
Classic/traditional, straight leg, boot cut.

## ***Accessories***

1. Belts of a solid color [either black or brown] with no adornments, must fit around the waist and be secured in belt loops. (Kindergarten students are not required to wear a belt.)
2. Sweaters, sweatshirts, vests must be a SOLID color – Blue or Khaki, must be worn over the approved style shirts. Shirts worn under accessories must be the solid navy.  
**Approved styles are:**  
Pull-over, cardigan or button-down – must be appropriately sized
3. Hats and Caps are worn outdoors only (exception religious or cultural head dress may be worn indoors).

## ***Outerwear***

1. Winter coats, winter jackets, and gloves do not have to meet the color requirements; however, these items are for OUTSIDE wear only.

Please contact Mrs. Andrea if you are in need of school uniforms.  
agallegos@hawest.net  
505-998-0459 ext 107



## 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.



# BEARS PLEDGE IN ACTION

We are happy to share that we had three classes complete their class BEARS PLEDGE poster! Student's in Mrs. Sanchez's class, Mrs. Rappuhn's class, and Mrs. Cordova's class worked together to demonstrate our BEARS PLEDGE in order to complete their class poster.





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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net).

Paisley in Mrs. Schmid's class participated in the Dreamcatcher invitational gymnastics meet this past weekend and placed 3rd on bars, 1st on beam, 1st on floor, 1st on vault, and won 1st overall. Next up is state!

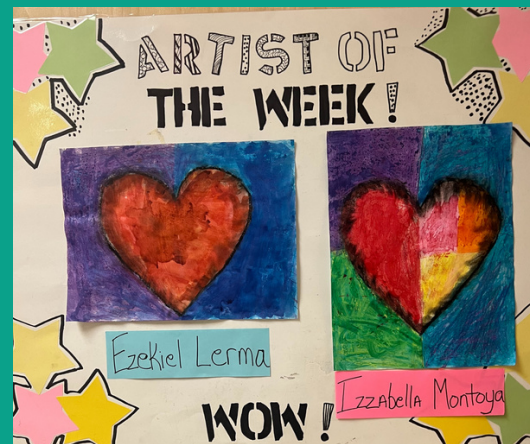
HAWesom Job Paisley!



## NEWS FROM THE MS. WHATLEY IN THE ART ROOM

Hello everyone I hope you all had a fabulous week. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who donated copy paper to my class! Thank you, thank you, your kindness is greatly appreciated.

We have been busy in the art room. Kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade, have all been working on their heart projects for February. Second and third grade created an art piece in the style of the artist Jim Dine. And they came out beautifully! Here is Mrs. Keeling's third grade class and their Jim Dine inspired hearts Great job students. Because these came out so beautifully, I chose this project for the artists of the week. I chose two students from Mrs. Schmid's second grade class, I chose Ezekiel Lerma and Izzabella Montoya! Great job students. I hope everyone has a fabulous and creative week!



# 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](mailto: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:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> | Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> | Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> | Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup> | Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> | Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> | May 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | May 16 <sup>th</sup>  |

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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# SCIENCE NIGHT AT HAW

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.

# **iexplora!**



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## **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!**



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## **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!**