

New Horizon Digest is published by the New Horizon School Los Angeles Campus to enhance communication between the school the and parents.

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We welcome your suggestions, ideas and announcements. Please contact the office at (213) 480-3145 /3149.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sports Day & Pre-K Bake Sale Tues. March 24th.
- 4th & 5th grade field trip on March 19th, & 25th.
- Spring Break Kdg.-5th grade. Mon. March 30th. to Fri. April 3rd.
- In school Spelling bee on Thurs. April 9th.
- Earth Day Fri. April 17th.
- Spring Fair Sun. April 19th.
- 2009 Interschool Spelling Bee Thurs. April 23rd.
- Spring Open House and Arabic Day Fri. May 8th.

Values and its Aspects March Generosity

- Give from what Allah gave you
- Give freely, sincerely and without reminders
- Do not be shy to give even if it is little
- Smiling is a form of giving and genuine advice is worth more than money

April Respect

- Show respect to your parents
- Show respect to life and property
- Show respect for the rights and beliefs of others
- Remember that giving advice and correcting the wrong are parts of respect
- Remember that to respect others does not mean adopting their life style



Happy Birthday

March

Yousef Javed Gill
Luis Amaya
Sophya Mirza
Aminah Khaleel
Yanis Guechtouli

April

Kareem Elmanzalawy
Rahim Islam
Ziad Hassam
Ian Khan
Fanta Smith
Shammah Sultamauddin
Isha Rashid Bhalli

Financial Aid Forms

Parents are requested to turn in the financial aid forms with all necessary papers by March 20th.

Place
Stamp
Here

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Quote of the Month

"All our dreams can come true-if we have the courage to pursue them."

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"O my Lord! Advance me in knowledge." Quran (20:14)

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From the Principal's Pen...

Assalamu-Alaikum. Stepping into Spring brings new beginnings.... A time to look ahead and plan not only for the rest of the year, but for the next year.

With this in mind the enrollment packets with tuition and financial aid information was sent out. Please read them carefully and return the contracts with the registration fee, if you have not done yet. Fill out the financial aid applications and mail them with all the required information soon.

We are at the end of the second trimester and end of the year activities are fast approaching. I would like to encourage you to continue to attend the programs and support your children's effort and the school. Invite your friends and family and talk to them about our school.

This month I would like to talk to you about perception and how it could influence and change the quality of our life.

If you have the right and positive perception you can not only be happy yourself but keep people around you happy.

There are two ways to look at every situation in life.

Is the cup half empty?
Or the cup half full?

It is amazing how our perception can be changed by our attitude. For example, think about God and then look at these letters:

N-O-W-H-E-R-E. You can assume that God is NO WHERE or God is NOW HERE.

Follow this advice and you can improve the quality of life. Always remember that you are loved, even when it doesn't seem like it. Believe in yourself and your values. Don't sell out when things go wrong.

Don't let anything get you down, always bounce back up. Set goals for your future and never settle for anything less. Realize that there are others in the world with much bigger problems than you. "So lose not heart nor fall into despair, for ye must gain mastery if you are true in faith" Surat Al Imran.

Appreciate the good things in your life, and be thankful for the time you have with your loved ones.

Spend more time with your family and friends. Appreciate the simple things in life, and don't get caught up in material things.

If you follow that advice you can't go wrong! So the next time you're looking at a situation in your life, Is the cup half empty? Or is the cup half full? Be an optimist and see the cup as being half full. Before long, your attitude will rub off on others, you can make the world a better place by simply making yourself a happier person.

Shahida Alikhan

Time to Register

The enrollment packets for 2009-2010 school year has been sent. Please complete the enrollment form and turn it in with the registration fee by March 26th, 2009.

P.T.O News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum! The school year is coming to an end and there's still a lot to do. I am asking everyone to please come together and try to make these last few months memorable.

Our Spring Fair is on April 19th and Spring Open House & Arabic Day is on May 8th. Please pass the word around to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. They can tour the school and see what a great job our teachers and students are doing. Don't forget that we are all partners in learning with our student's and teachers. Good partnerships are based on a common goal, a shared effort, and good communication.

If someone asked you to name your biggest responsibility in life, you'd undoubtedly say being a parent. Parents know that their most important and challenging job is raising happy, healthy, successful children.

Parents volunteering in school events makes a difference in your children's lives. Its never too late to get involved. According to Joyce Epstein of John Hopkins University "a volunteer is anybody, anytime, any place, who supports school goals or children's learning." So please sign up and be a part of the upcoming school events.

Taskin Momin
PTO Vice President

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Pre-School News

Dear parents of pre school children, Assalamu-Alaikum. I welcome all new pre-schoolers to New Horizon School LA. My class is a colorful mosaic of lovely energetic bright students. Alhamdulillah! Welcome to our new playground. Ahlan-wa-sahlan. Regarding the learning we teachers and Pre-schoolers are learning everyday something new and the experience is rewarding, as well as challenging. Sometimes the younger ones see and learn from the older students, but at times old ones start acting like their younger counterparts. In either event the experience is rewarding. It is fun to watch and wait for any situation to arise.

The old students are almost ready to go to the next class, they have learned the alphabets A - T, with associated sounds and words. They will continue learning up to W through the end of April. Together we have successfully learned numbers up to 12. Currently children are reinforcing number and object association, along with learning how to carry our matching/rearrangement of jumbled-up letters, working on recognizing the three basic sizes of Big, Medium, and Small and finally revising shapes and colors.

Children are frequently gaining exposure to science via theme work and in-class activities. These include: using sensory perceptions like taste, touch, and smell (with fruits and food). I would like to thank all the parents for their understanding and cooperation. Please continue to stay involved in your child's learning.

Zainab Nigebhani

Pre-Kindergarten

By the grace of Almighty Allah we have finally done it. The playground is ready! Yes it was team work, Ms. Shahida as our leader the playground committee and the Board members got together and made plans for the renovation of our play area. Thumbs up for our wonderful team of parent volunteers who gave their time to come and help to build the Village Dinner and the Indian Fort. The volunteers especially Ms. Ehsan and Ms. Inaia were their to support in our effort to get the play place done. Thanks to Ms. Shahida for providing delicious breakfast and lunch to all our helpers. Parent volunteers, you will get the hours and recognition at the end of the year Inshallah.

Walkathon went well and the kids had yummy pancakes at our neighborhood IHOP. The next event will be Family night and Talent show, parents please plan ahead for this day and make your child ready for the talent show. And of course Mr. Ricky will be preparing the students for the sports day and Pre-K its time for our bake sale. The big event in the month of April will be our Spring Fair. Please try to attend all school events as your involvement is very important.

We are coming to the end of our second semester. I have seen the difference and maturity level in my students. They are learning to print letters and numbers. We are working on recognizing sets of objects and the corresponding numeral and following directions. Learning about community helpers was a very important part of the week. We are delighted to welcome Shaffa and Mostafa to our class. Parents be involved and help us in our candy sale, your effort and corporation in the system will make us all stronger.

Tanveer Hadi

Kindergarten News

Dear Kindergarten Parents, Assalamu Alaikum, March has gotten off to a great start. We are all amazed at what great readers our kindergartners are becoming. Reading is a very involved task to master, so patience and consistency are very important when working with emergent readers.

In math we are working on how to read a calendar, which is a practical skill with important applications in children's lives every day. We are also focusing on Time, Writing Numbers from 1-100, addition and subtraction problems.

In science we have started a very interesting unit about "Body Parts". Children should be able to identify, external and internal body parts and their function. This unit requires a lot of hands on activities which includes a visit to The Science Center upstairs. In April we will be doing our Annual Cultural Heritage presentations. Parents will be invited to exhibit their various cultures and give a brief presentation to our kindergartners. Hope to see you all on March 20th at the costume party and talent show.

Tahira Zainab

First Grade News

Spring season is fast approaching and the year is almost coming to an end. I want to thank parents, first of all, for helping their children with homework, encouraging good behavior, and supporting school fundraisers and events. When I see parental involvement, I know there is definitely a "new horizon." We will continue to need all parents' efforts in the last few months to come!

As for the students in the 1st grade, they will be working hard in all subjects to meet state standards. Students are currently learning how to write descriptively, using "colorful" words in their writing. For some who are struggling with the basics, we are spending more time on recognizing spelling patterns in words so that they may become better writers. We have just finished celebrating the 100th Day of School and learning place value in math. However, these concepts are not to end here. They will be carried more in depth in the chapters to come. I am very happy to have such a great group of children this year. I can see their motivation to learn, and I will continue to motivate them through positive reinforcements and making classroom learning an enjoyable experience.

Tamera Wong

Second & Third Grade News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum. The second/third grade students have been quite busy with their academic and extra curricular activities. Our next big, competitive event is the "Spelling Bee," and students will be participating in the contest. I have given out the spelling list sometime back. We will be using words from this list for the spellings every week. Students need to memorize the spelling by saying them well. The World Math Day was a great success. Students participated in it and linked live and globally to other students all around the world. It was a very exciting experience for them.

We will be starting to prepare for the CTP-4 testing soon. All tests will be based on these tests from now on. I will be sending home extra practice worksheets for practice. We will be discussing these in class as well. Make sure that the students complete these worksheets on time. I really need your cooperation in this regard. Practice for these tests is very important. Besides these students will have their regular tests and homework. Please make sure all work is done on time. Some students have pending work and are pushed into completing it during their recess or activity time. I sometimes have to send it home to complete it along with the homework, which is extra work for them. Please talk to your child in this regard.

Our Annual Benefit Dinner was very organized & successful. Students took part in the program. Please support the school and participate in all school events. Remember, it takes a village to raise a child.

The students are excited and look forward to moving on to the next step in their educational life. Your help and cooperation is deeply appreciated. Please keep in touch with me for the betterment and progress of your child. Together with the guidance and help from Allah (SWT), we can make the life of every child, a better one. It is a pleasure to be a part of your child's life. I also take this opportunity to **Thank You** all for all the support you have been rendering towards making this school year a great success, Insha Allah.

Shaheda Inshad

Spring Break

Kindergarten through fifth grade students will have their Spring Break from March 30th to April 3rd. However, Preschool and Pre-K will be open. If you want your child to attend please let the class teachers know.

Day care is available for students in grades Kdg.-5th. The cost is \$15.00 per day. Please register and pay by March 20th. So that arrangements can be made.

Gala Exhibition of Children's Work and Arabic Day

Please join us on May 8th. to applaud our children's efforts. See what they have learned this year. Visit the classrooms and participate in the quiz that the teachers and students have prepared for you. This is your chance to visit the classroom with your child and visit the next year's class as well.

As we are celebrating the Arabic Day too, please dress up in ethnic Arabic clothes and bring an Arabic dish of finger food. Invite your friends and family to see the gala.

Fourth & Fifth Grade News

Assalamu Alaikum everyone! We have been very busy here at school, with Winter Finals, Math competitions, the Spelling Bee, & a new found dedication to reading. The 4th & 5th graders read Dr. Seuss books on "National Read around America Day." We read all our favourite books to the pre-kindergartners and kindergartners to commemorate Dr. Seuss' 106th birthday. The students also took part in a global math competition entitled "World Maths Day," where students had the opportunity to answer as many questions as they could in 60 second rounds, while playing students from around the world.

Academically, I'm proud to announce that we are completing our curriculum and will soon start our formal CTP IV Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, & Grammar review. We will also be preparing for WrAP testing in May.

The candy sale has begun and I look forward to seeing how many boxes the students can sell. This is my favorite fundraiser; it reminds me of when my brother and I used to sell candy when we were students here. We had a lot fun doing it. It was a challenging experience for me especially, because I am the shy sibling. It helped me break out of my shell a little and made me bolder. I treasure the values and skills, both academic and social, I learned during my time at New Horizon School. This is just one of the many that set me up for the rest of my life. The strong foundation laid here, has helped me build my future.

We have many exciting events coming up. Our trip to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion is on March 19th, the Costume & Talent show is on March 20th, Sport's Day on March 24th, our trip to Disneyland on March 25th, Spring Break, then the school and Interschool Spelling Bees and the Spring Fair, and more field trips! The rest of March and April promise to be very exciting months. So during Spring Break, try to take time to get some rest, complete all assigned homework, and get ready for the last 10 weeks of the school year to be action packed.

Nishat Alikhan

Hooray Its Sports Day! New Horizon will be holding its Annual Sports Day on Tuesday the 24th of March. We hope that this event will generate as much fun and excitement as last year. The children have been "burning a lot of rubber" in preparation for this big day in our school year. So we are looking forward to seeing all of you on this day.

Join us at this incredible event of races, prizes, medals and most importantly memorable moments shared with your child. Show your school spirit by attending and inviting grandparents, relatives and friends to this exciting occasion.

Be prepared to join in all the fun by wearing comfortable clothing (sweatpants, sweatshirt and running shoes). Remember, show your school spirit and don't miss out from participating in the races and having a great time.

Rickey Kabir