



New Horizon School-Los Angeles

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Hey, that's News to Us!

Here are a few reminders:

- The Science Fair is on Thursday, February 19th, 2009.
- The Kindergarten bake sale is on Thursday, February 19th, 2009.
- The Walk-a-Thon is on Tuesday, February 24th, 2009.
- There will be a PTO Meeting on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 3:45pm.
- The Candy Sale will begin on Friday, February 27, 2009.
- The Annual Appreciation Awards Dinner will be on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena.



Walk-a-Thon

There is now only one week left until the much anticipated Walk-a-Thon. Efforts to collect funds for this incredible event should have already commenced. This is a mandatory event that our students take part in every year. It is a good opportunity for students to get outside and walk for a good cause. This year the minimum sponsorship is \$25.00 dollars per student and \$30.00 dollars per adult. The sponsorship fee includes a pancake meal at IHOP and an official 2009 Walk-a-Thon t-shirt. All Walk-a-Thon paperwork is due no later than **Friday, February 20th, 2009**. Remember this event is an excellent opportunity for students to build their public speaking skills while asking for sponsorships.



Science Fair

The Science Fair is on **Thursday, February 19, 2009**. Science Project viewing will be from 3:45 to 4:30pm that afternoon in the Social Hall. Please come and learn about the projects, the students will be there to explain and answer any questions that you may have about their projects. The program will begin at 4:30pm sharp with a guest speaker. Please be on time as the program will begin sharply at 4:30pm.

The Kindergarten grade bake sale will be from 3:30 to 4pm on the Elementary playground. Come get a bite to eat and support our youngsters in their fundraising and scientific endeavors. We hope to see everyone there.

Save the Date

New Horizon School - Los Angeles is in the midst of planning the Annual Awards Dinner honoring Mr. Fareed Farukhi, the New Horizon Education Council Chairman, for his continuous support of Islamic education on Saturday, March 14th, 2009 at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. This event comes only once a year. There will be a silent auction, delicious food, and entertainment. Plan to attend and buy your tickets now, while they're still available.

Bake Sale

The day of the Science Fair is also the day of the Kindergarten grade bake sale. Please come and support our youngsters in their fundraising endeavor.

Policy Reminder

We wanted to remind everyone of the Islamic Center's Security requirements. As stated earlier this year, parents are no longer permitted to go upstairs irrespective of what the need may be, be it to talk to a teacher or to place a heavy bag, forgotten homework, jackets, books, or lunch boxes. We do recognize that backpacks get heavy & you are tempted to help your child. When they cannot carry everything, they can take part of their belongings up & get the rest of it at recess time. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, they are available during their office hours or by appointment only. Please do not attempt to talk to them while they are on duty in the classroom or on the playground. This distracts teachers from their primary responsibility towards your children. All parents are requested to comply with this policy.



Scrip

Currently there is no wait on scrip for gas, grocery, and restaurants. Remember, one way of fulfilling parent service hours is by ordering scrip. Scrip is a wonderful and easy way to raise funds for the school. Scrip works the same way gift cards do. For every unit of scrip you buy, the school gets a certain percent of that value. A complete list of retailers is located in the office for your viewing. Please see Mrs. Khadijah in the office for more information.

Dismissal

Please pick up your children on time at 3:30pm. Remember, when you come, please pick them up immediately, to make sure they are able to get home and finish their homework.

Souvenir Book

New Horizon School - Los Angeles is publishing a souvenir book to commemorate 24 years of providing quality education in an Islamic environment. We are seeking advertisements and messages for the honoree, Mr. Fareed Farukhi, the New Horizon Education Council Chairman, for his continuous support of Islamic education. Please contact the office at (213) 480-3145 for more details regarding this excellent opportunity to showcase your businesses or services and honor this supporter of Islamic education in southern California at the same time.

Gaza Appeal

Our Gaza Appeal campaign has come to an end. We had a successful four weeks of giving and it is time to give our funds to the right people. The students learned many valuable lessons as they put their money into the boxes. They learned of the terrible plight of our Gazan brothers and sisters. They also learned to be grateful for the things that we have that we take for granted such as electricity and running water. They learned the joy of giving. Our students, as they get older, are realizing that as Muslims, it is our duty to help our brothers and sisters in need all over the world.

When we began this campaign, the stories of the atrocities were beginning to come to light. We joined hands with other organizations to pray for the survivors of this action. We decided that we can not sit around and do nothing. Therefore, we took a bold step and in this troubled economy, we opted to begin our Gaza Appeal at our Family Night & Quran Competition a month ago. We thought that one week wasn't enough, so we stretched it to four weeks, as we followed it up with successful bake sales.

Alhamdulillah, with Allah's mercy and everyone's teamwork, we raised **\$1800.00**. The money will be split evenly between Islamic Relief and KinderUSA. We want to thank all the parents, faculty, staff, and students for helping to raise this money for our brothers and sisters, who are still suffering in Gaza. We worked hard, and even though our campaign has ended, there are still scores of people suffering, so let this not be the end of our giving. Please continue to do what you can by contacting Islamic Relief USA and KinderUSA directly. May Allah bless us all.

Playground Renovations: Community Build

New Horizon School - Los Angeles is proud to announce that we are finally ready to install the new play equipment on the Preschool playground. We are holding a "Community Build" event on Saturday, February 21st, 2009. The Community Build is an event where parents, faculty, and staff come together and assemble and install the new equipment on the playground, under the guidance & supervision of a professional. He will supervise the assembly, the installation, and inspect each piece of equipment before allowing it to be used.

Insha'allah we will begin promptly at 9:30 am on Saturday morning. Refreshments and lunch will be provided throughout the day for our hard workers. Parents this is an excellent service hour opportunity! Please sign up in the office by Thursday, February 19th, 2009 if you will be able to come help. Together we can make a better New Horizon School for everyone.

Opportunity is Knocking . . .

Let's not let this fantastic opportunity slip us by. There are only two weeks left until the bid has to be made. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that has presented itself and it's up to us to take it! The property adjacent to the Islamic Center of Southern California (the former car dealership) is for sale. This is a chance to expand to include a youth and community Center. This property is zoned for stores as well, so it could generate income. It could include an internet café, a bookstore, the possibilities are endless. Final bids are due by February 27th. It is within our grasp to enhance the Center, but we need to act fast, dig deep, & pledge as much as we can. Bids have already been made by other organizations and it is up to us to act now!